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I DON'T GIVE TOO MUCH THOUGHT TO THE
CHARACTER NAMES. I FLIP THROUGH THE
DICTIONARY AND COMBINE KANJI I LIKE.
YUSUKE'S NAME IS PRACTICALLY A JOKE,
AND KUWABARA'S NAME IS A COMBINATION
OF TWO BASEBALL PLAYERS. KURAMA AND
HIEI'S NAMES WERE ALSO SPURS OF THE
MOMENT. "YOSHIHIRO TOGASHI" IS MY REAL
NAME, THOUGH (NOT A PEN NAME). IF I
EVER GET MARRIED AND HAVE KIDS, MAYBE
I'LL GIVE THEM OBSCENE NAMES, TOO.
HEH HEH HEH.

YOSHIHIRO TOGASHI, 1991

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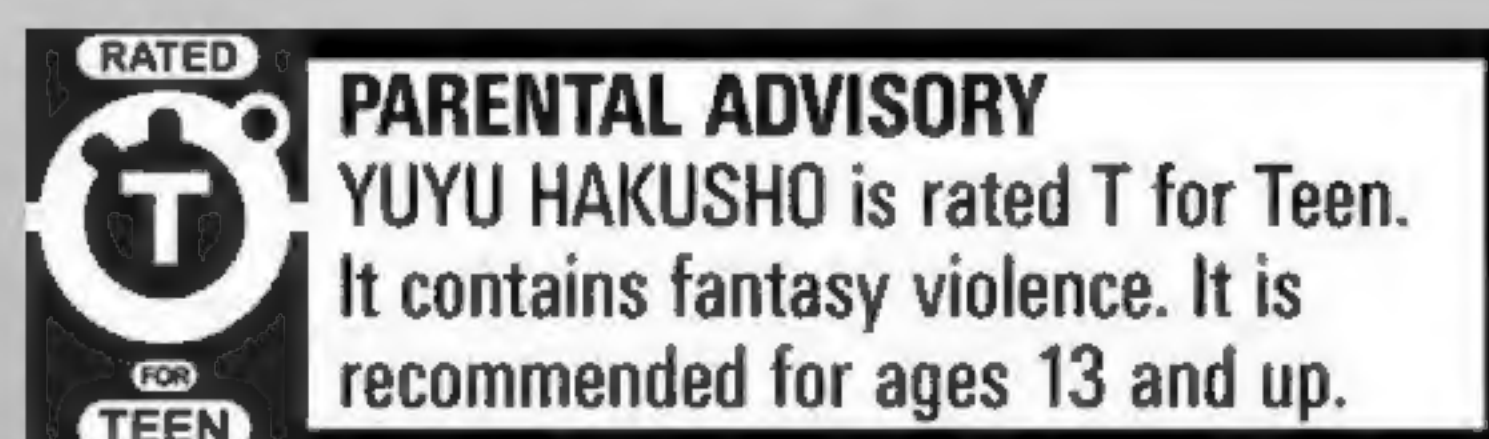
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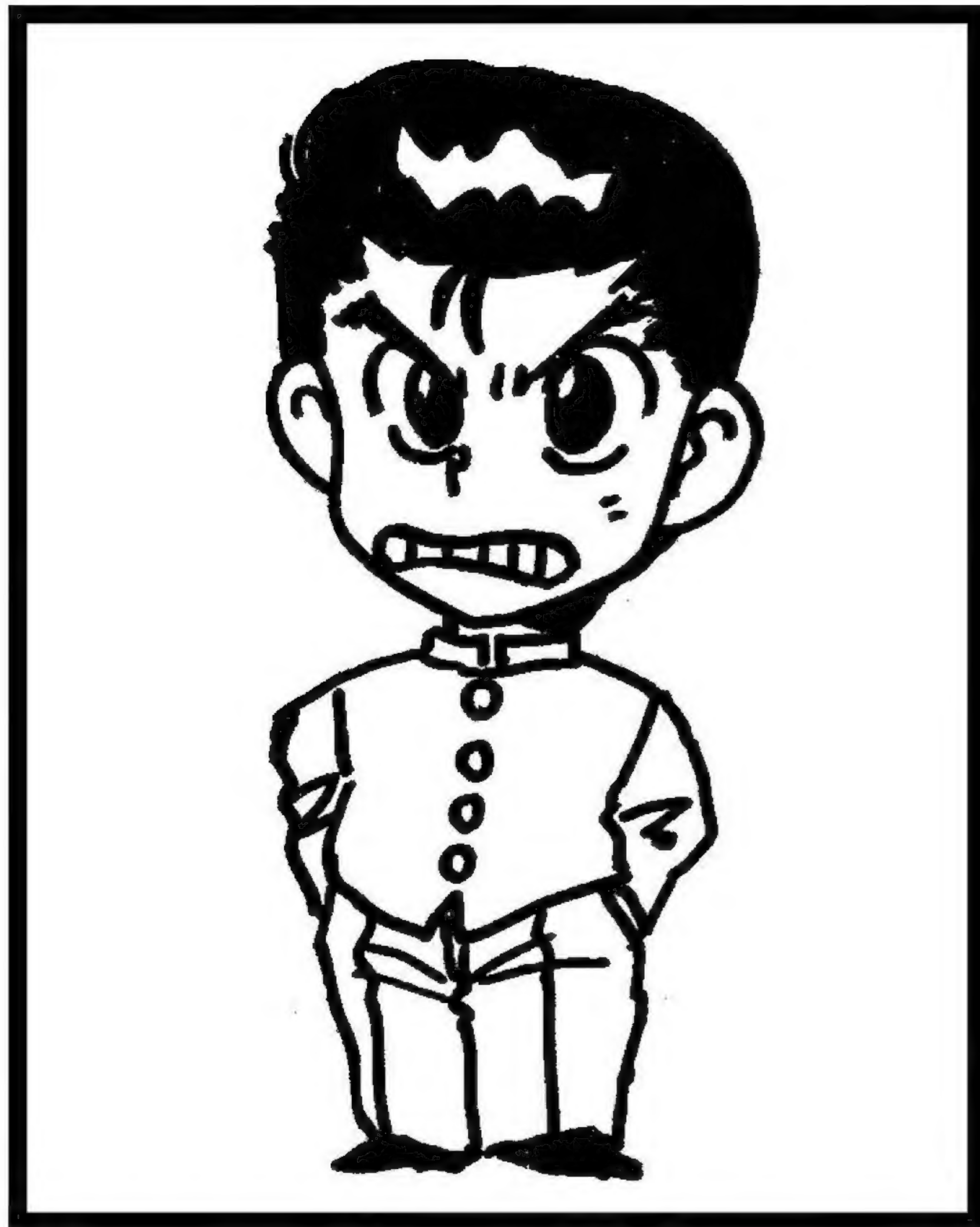
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Botan
Guide to the Underworld.
Yusuke's guardian of sorts.



Rinku
Vanguard of the Jolly Devil Six.

This is the story of the hapless Yusuke Urameshi... He got into a car accident trying to save a kid and became a ghost. King Enma gave him a number of ordeals, and now he's back to life. He became an Underworld Detective to track down the most wanted demons.

The Black Book Club caught wind of Yusuke and company's prowess after they defeated the Four Beasts, and forced them to compete in the Dark Tournament. For the first match, Yusuke's team went against the Jolly Devil Six, and Kuwabara and his opponent knocked each other out...!

THE STORY SO FAR:

うらめしあつこ
浦飯温子

Atsuko Urameshi
Yusuke's mother. Only 29
years old (still young!).

ゆきむらけいこ
雪村螢子

Keiko Yukimura
Yusuke's childhood friend. As
you can see, she's quite cute.

うらめしゆうすけ
浦飯幽助

Yusuke Urameshi
The protagonist. An eighth grader
at Sarayashiki Public Jr. High. Used
to be a delinquent to the core.

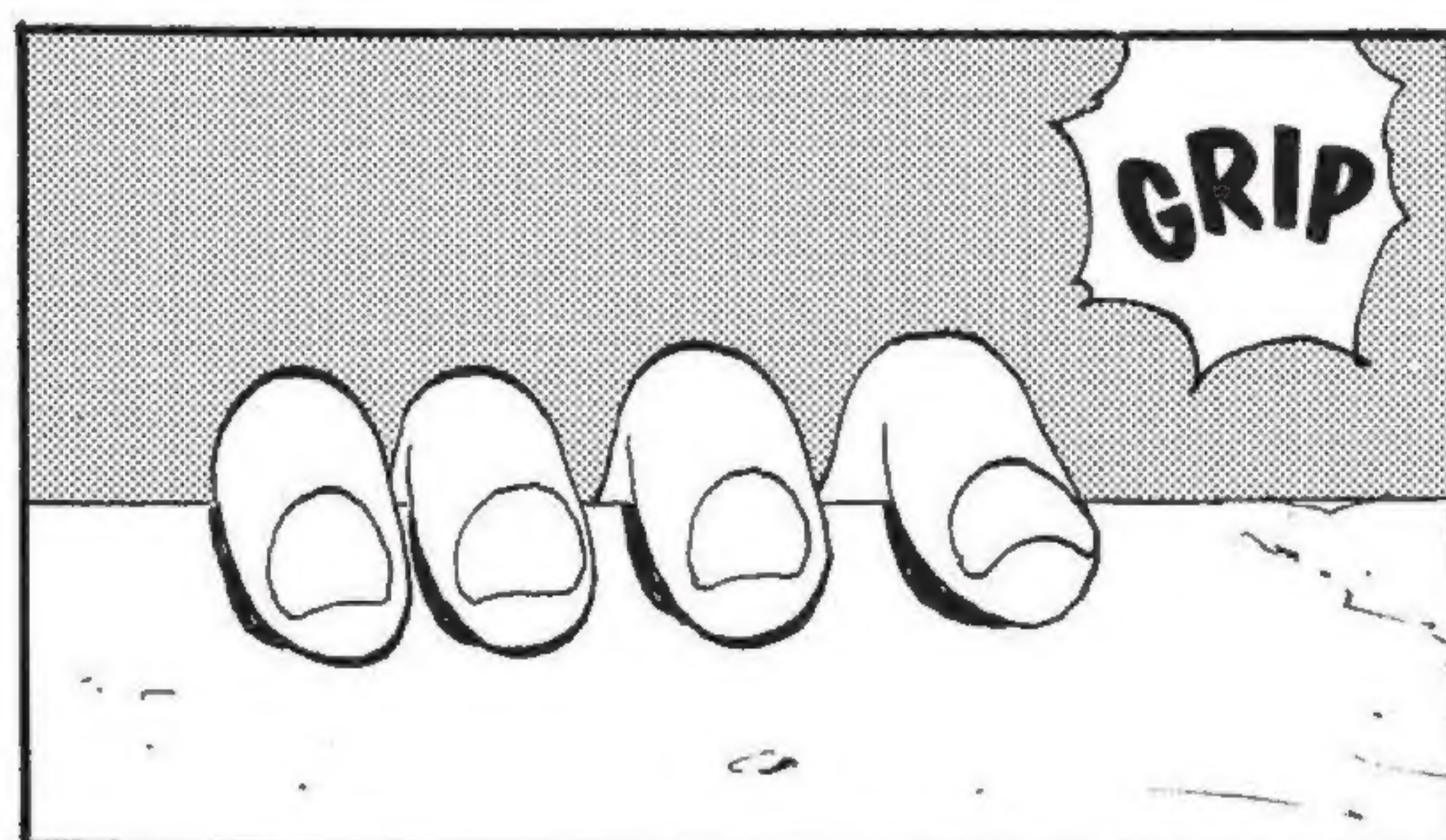
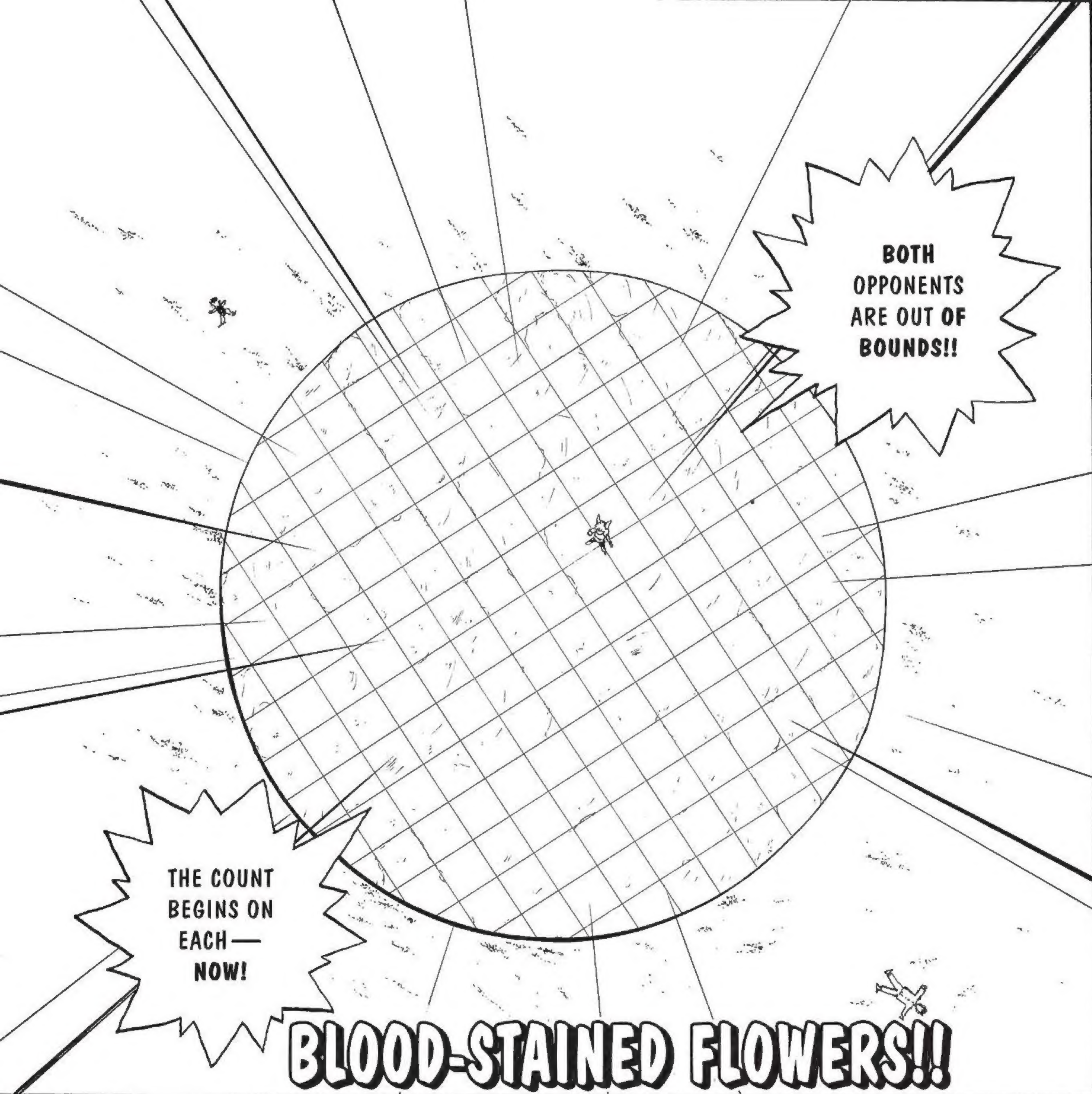
くわばら
桑原

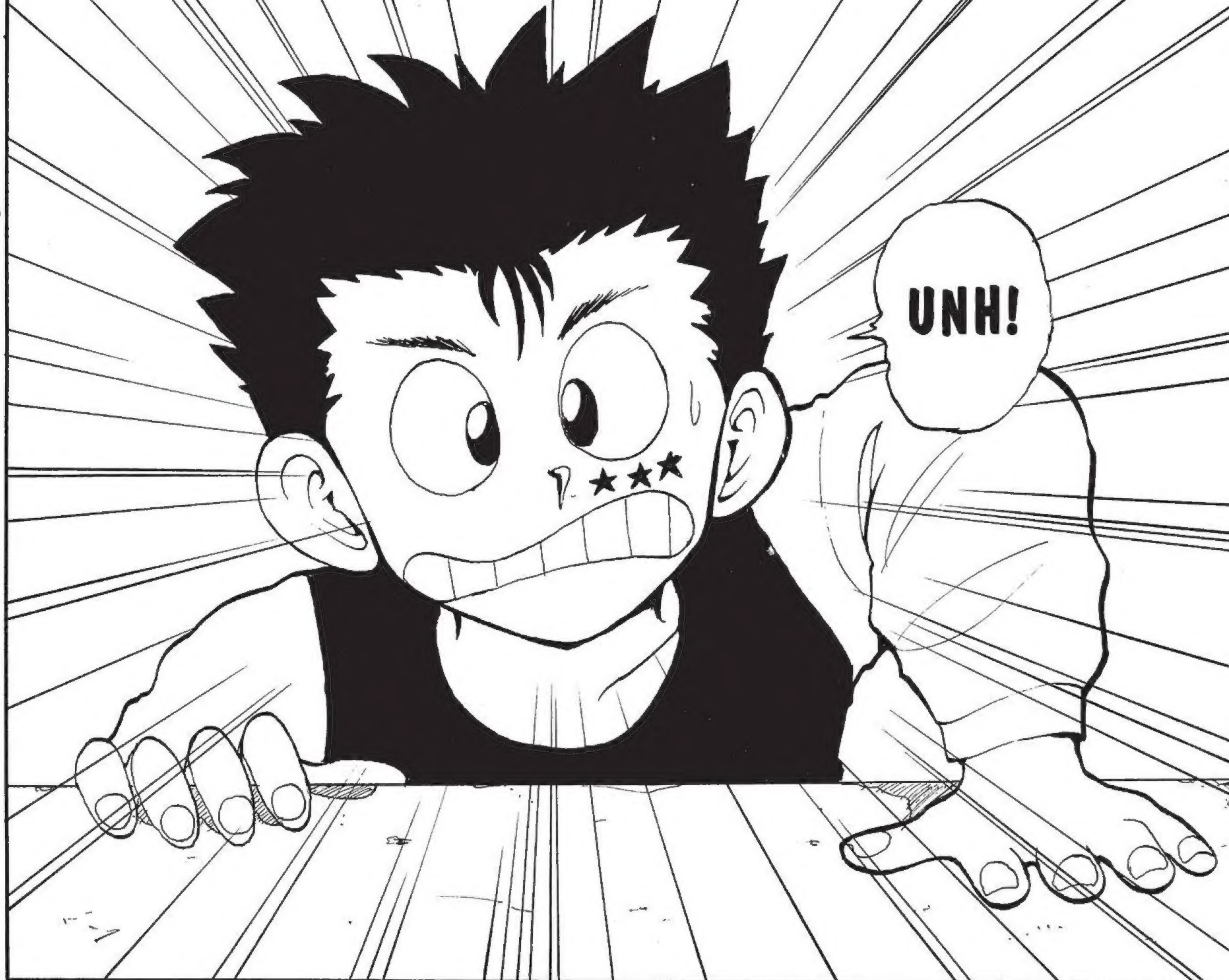
Kuwabara
Yusuke's formal rival. Has a strong
sixth sense that belies his [ugly] face.

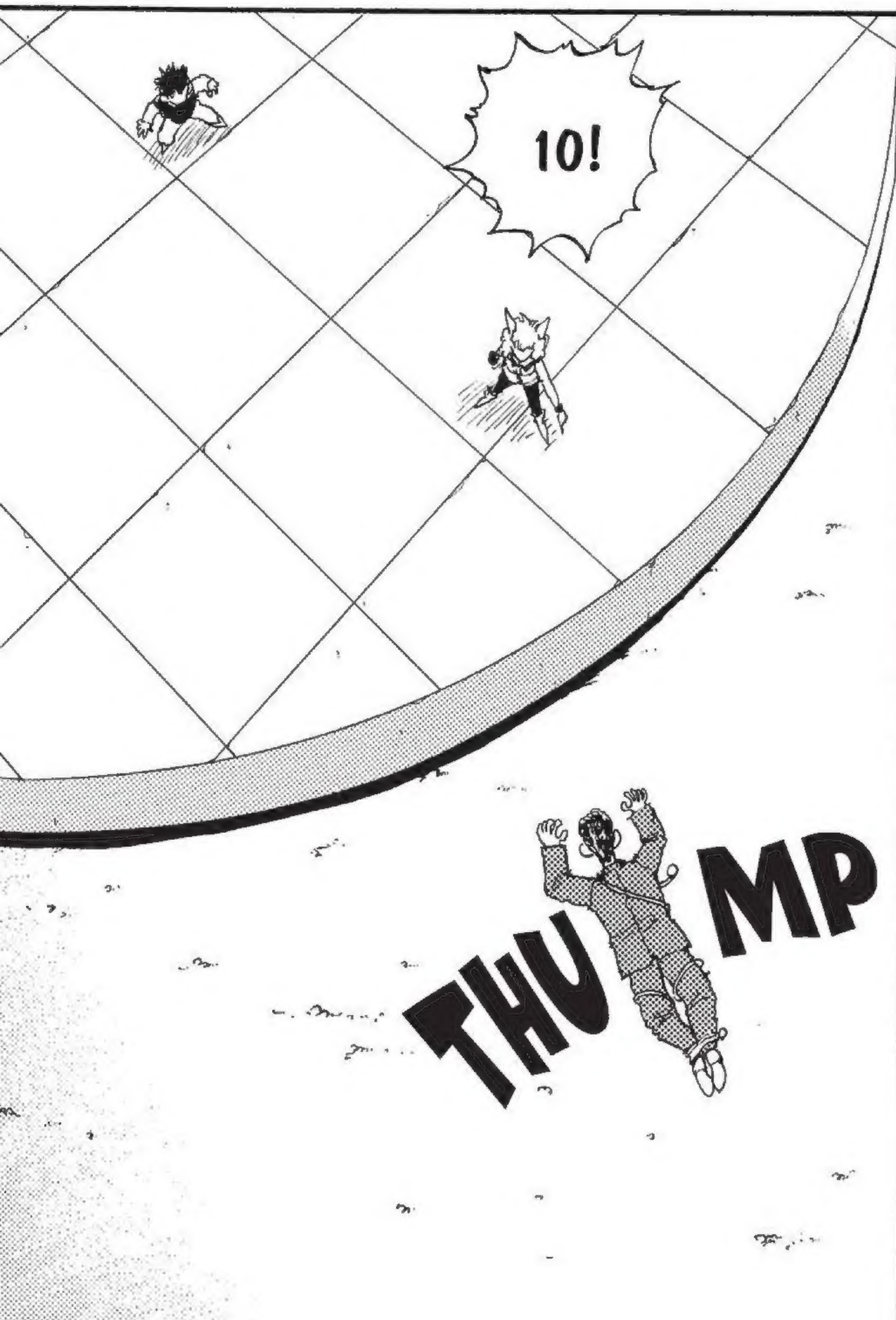
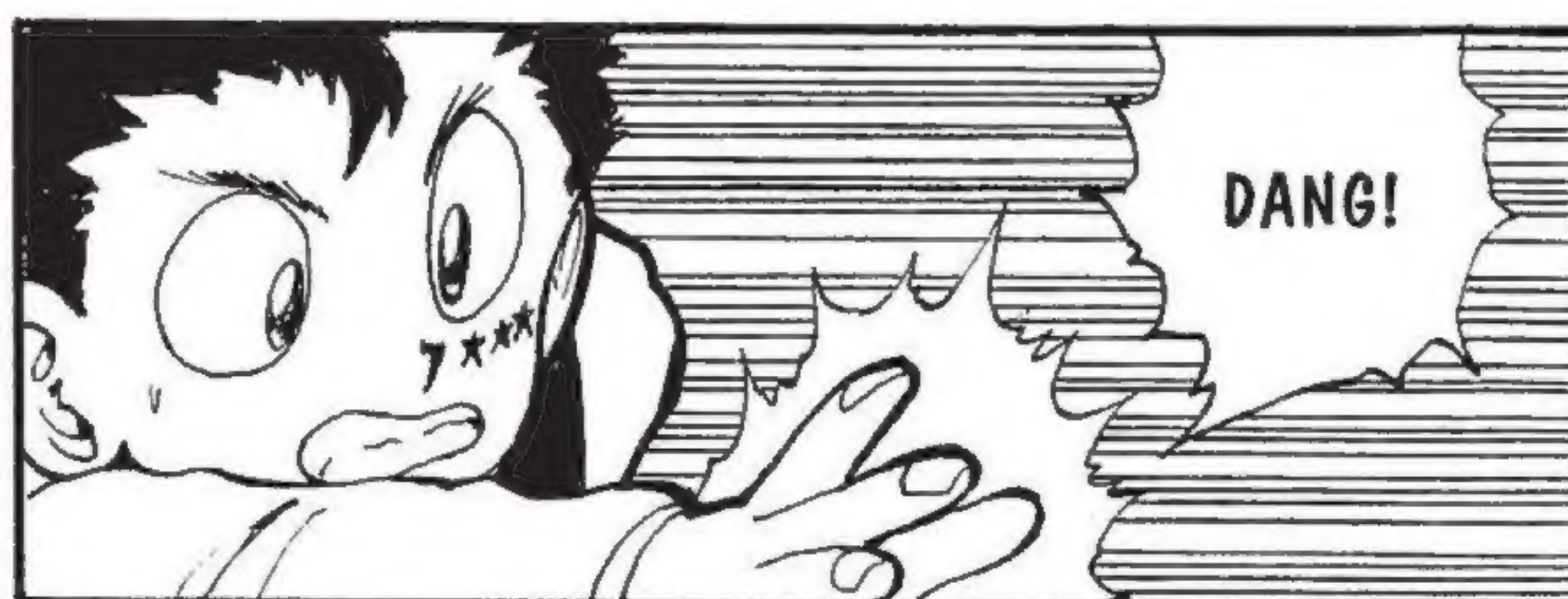
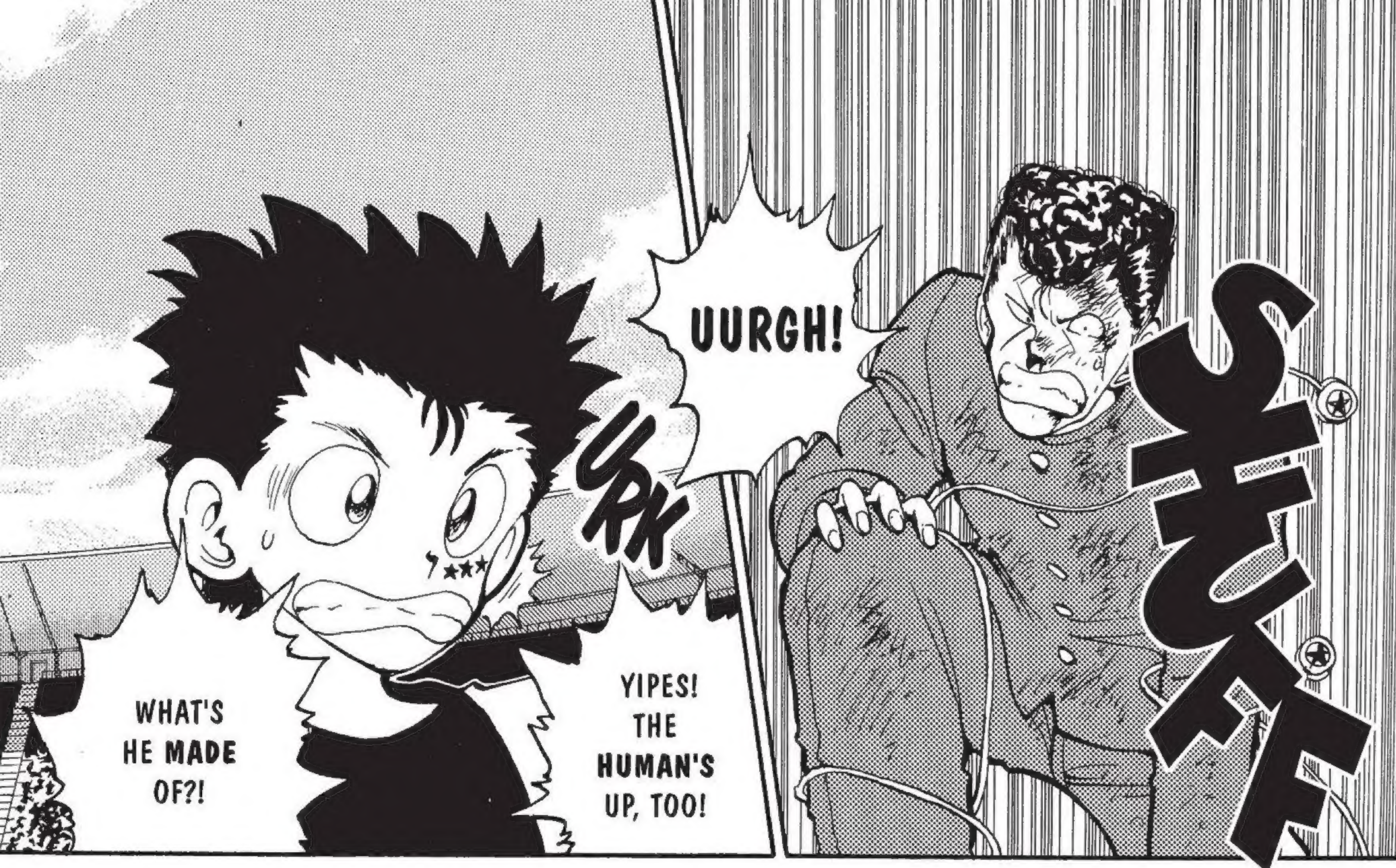
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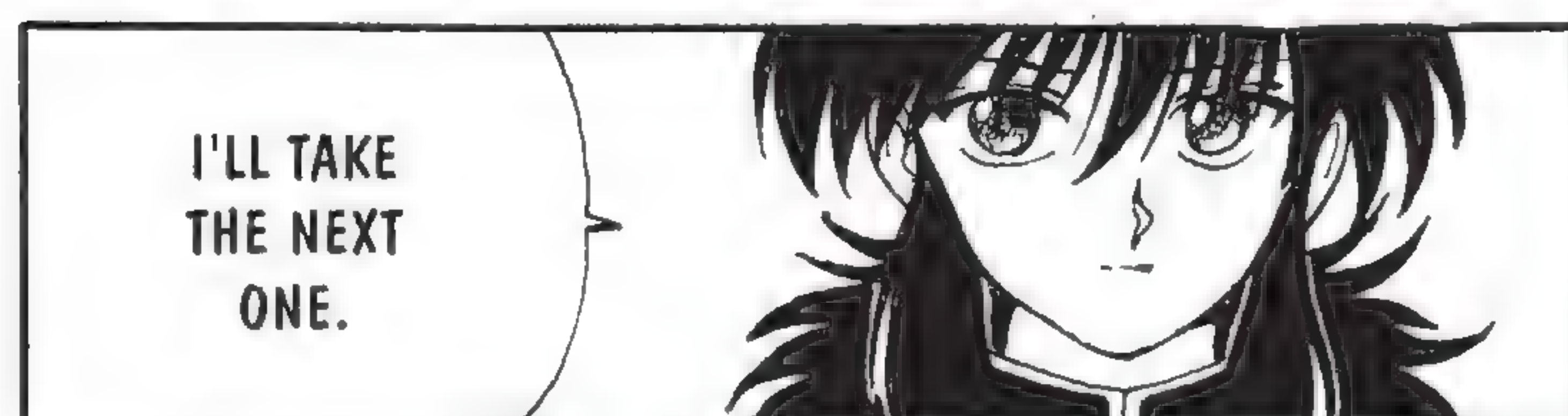
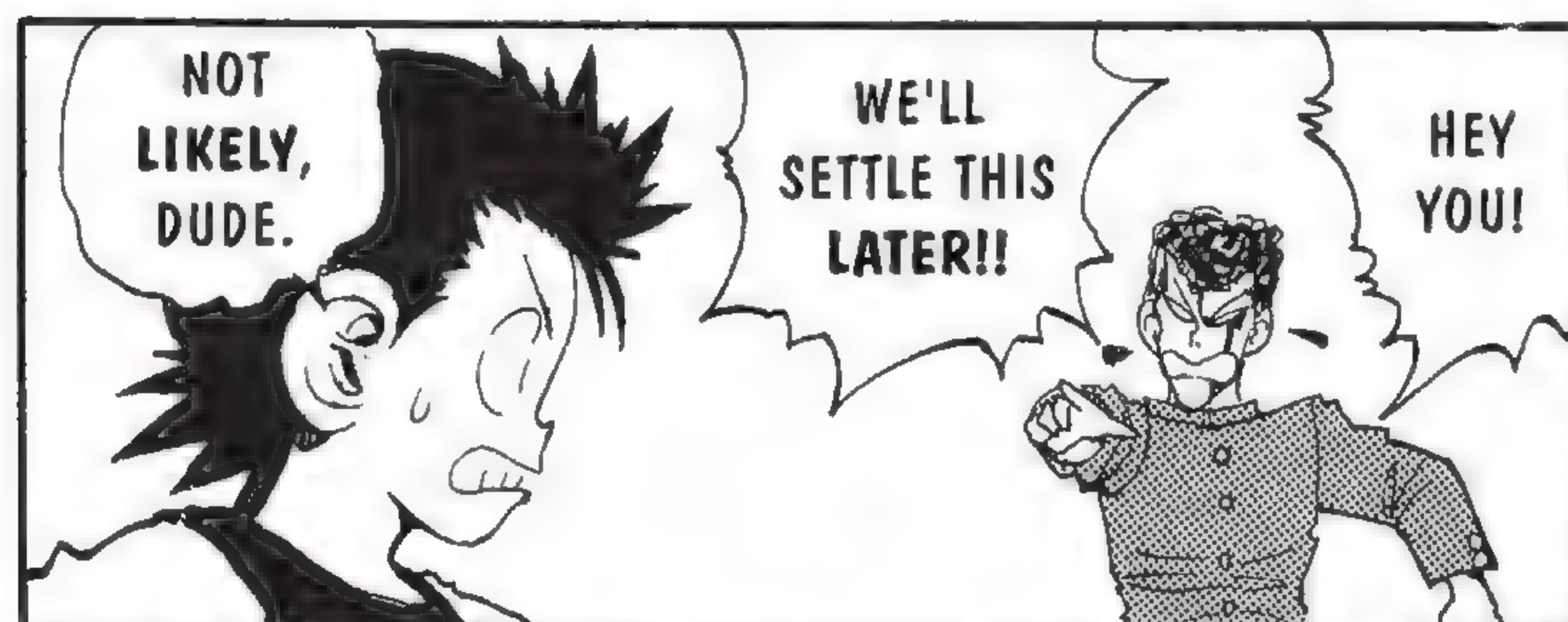
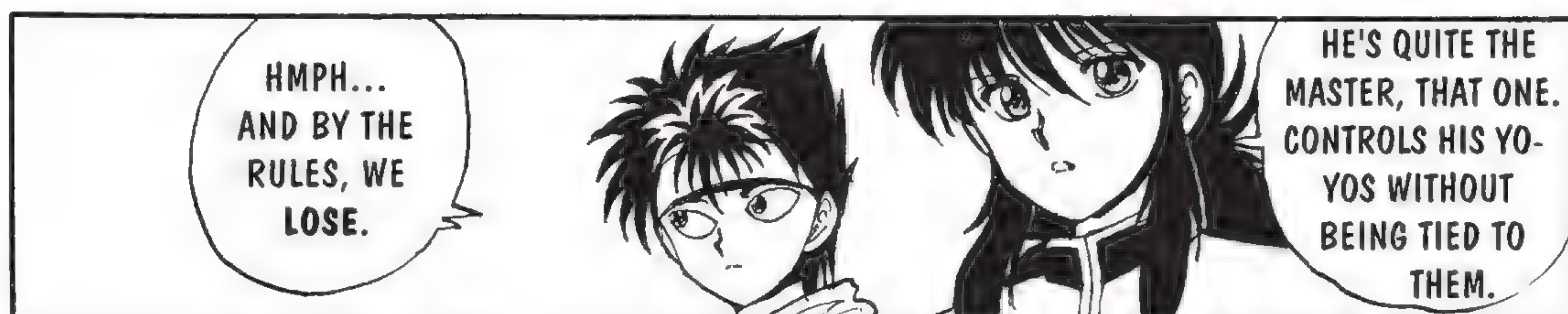
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BLOOD-STAINED FLOWERS!!





NEXT
UP!!



KURA-
MA...



I KNOW.



THEY GOTTA
THINK TWICE
ABOUT
FIGHTING US
AGAIN.

...DON'T
PULL ANY
PUNCHES
OUT THERE.



HE CAN TURN A
WEED ALONG THE
STREET INTO A
RAZOR-SHARP
BLADE STRONGER
THAN STEEL.

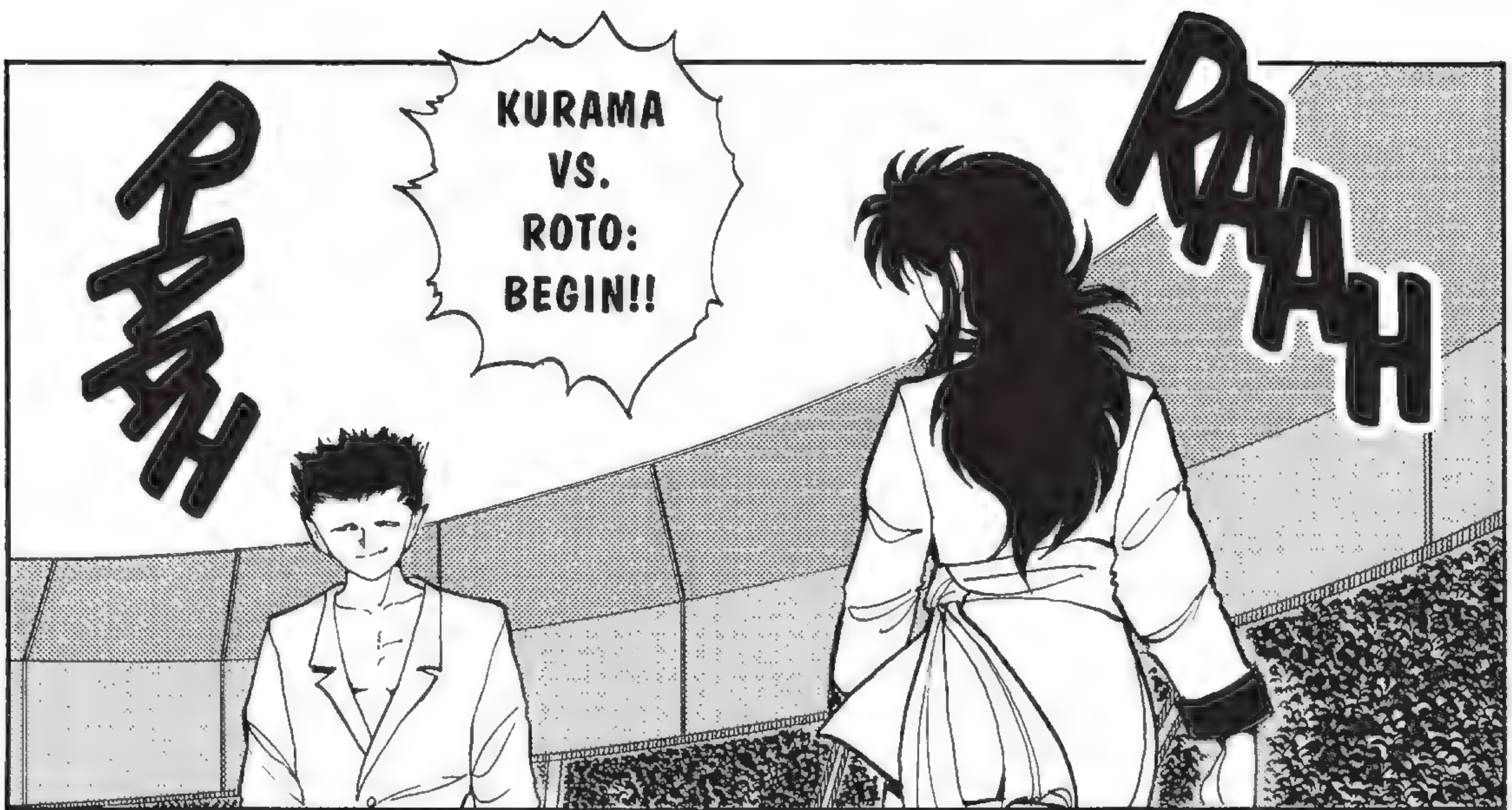
IN HIS
HANDS, ANY
PLANT'S A
WEAPON.

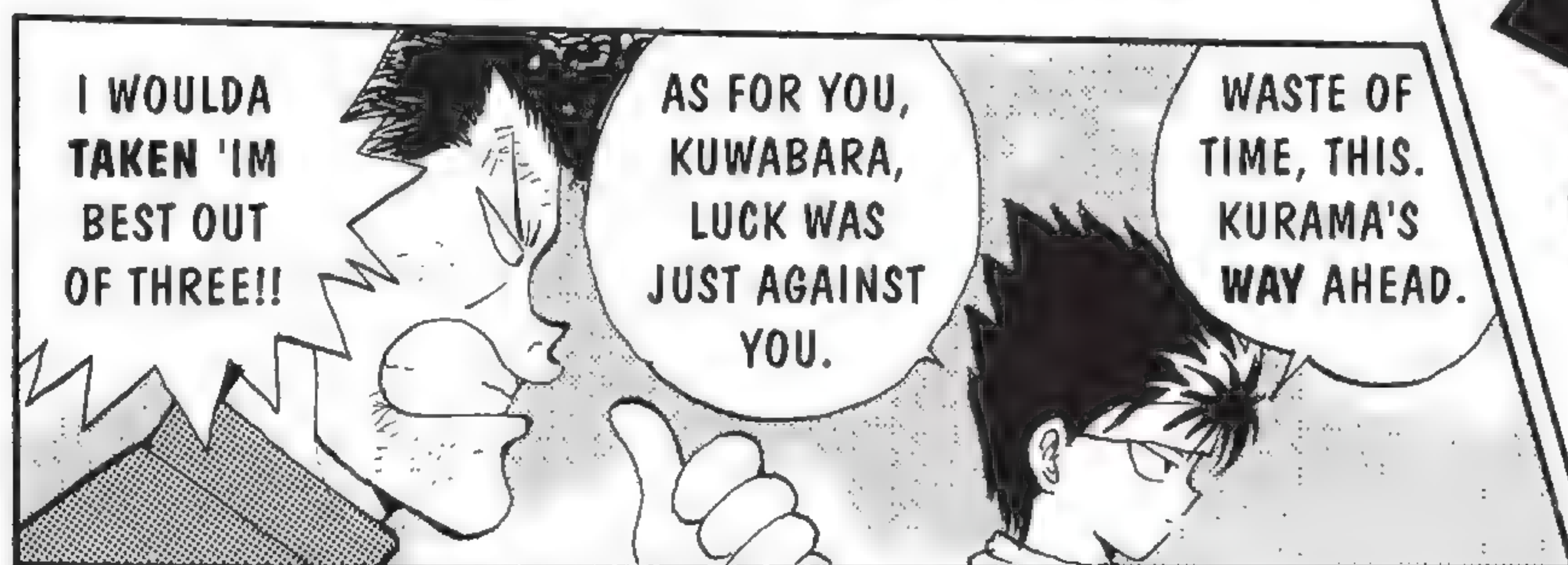
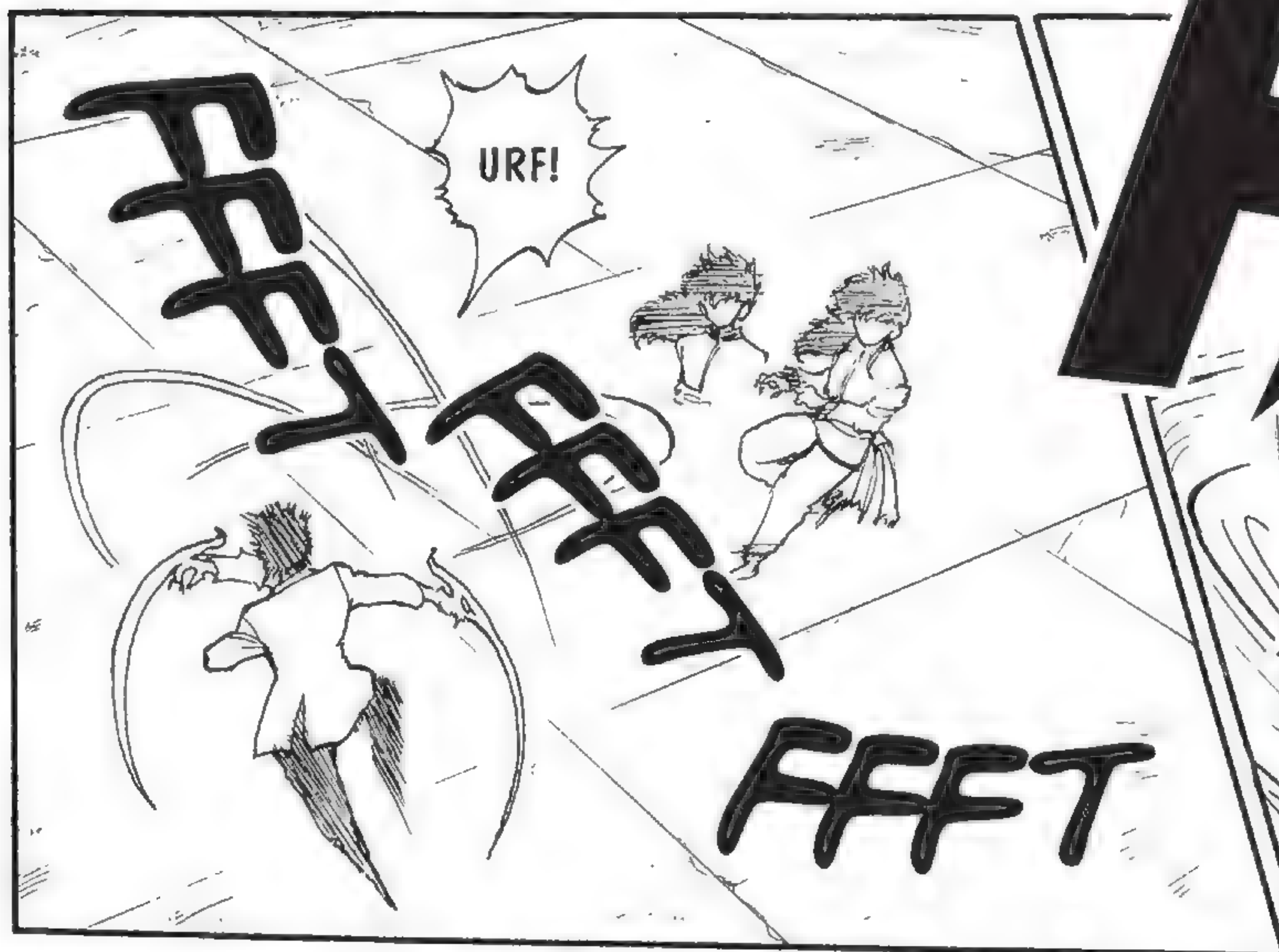
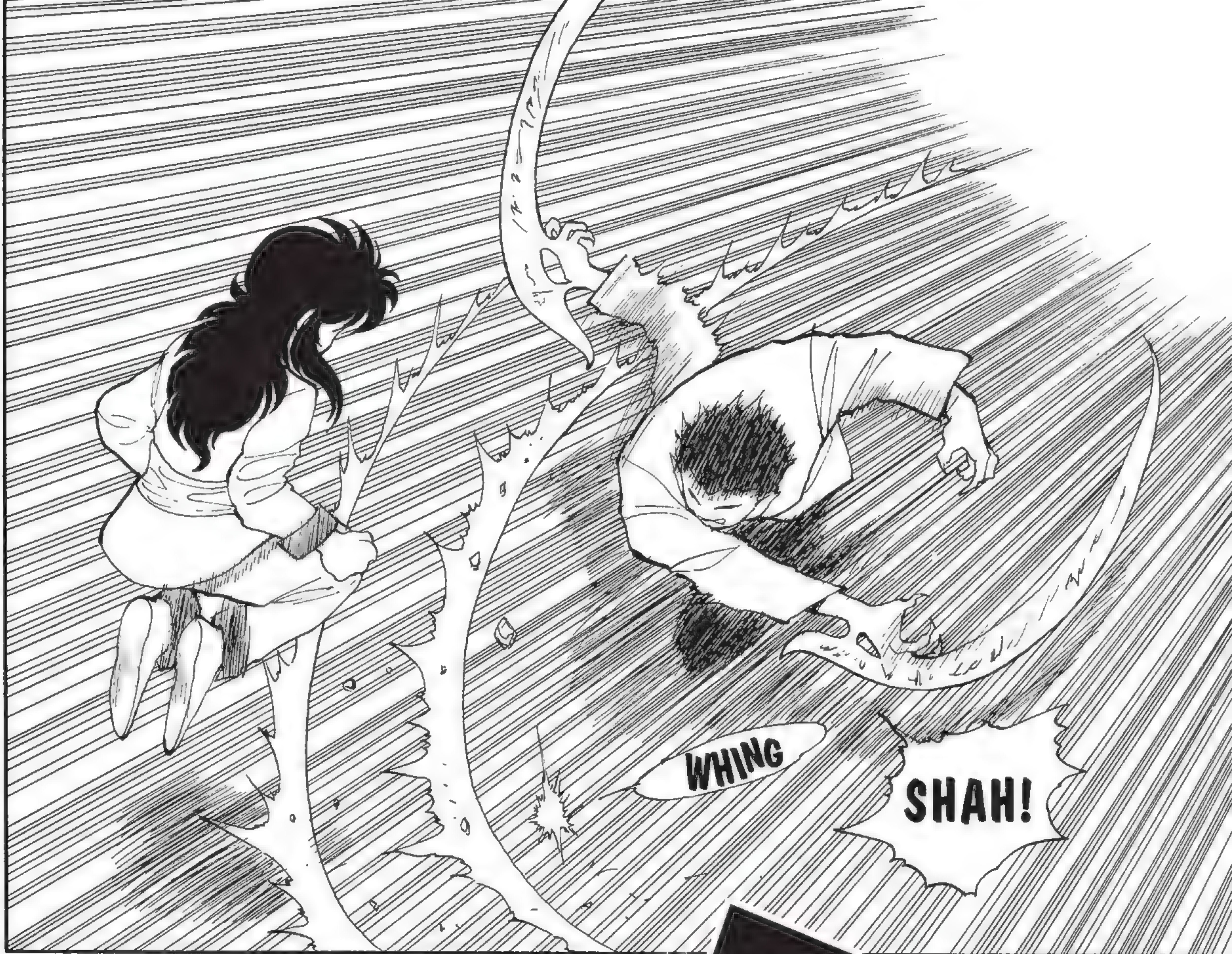


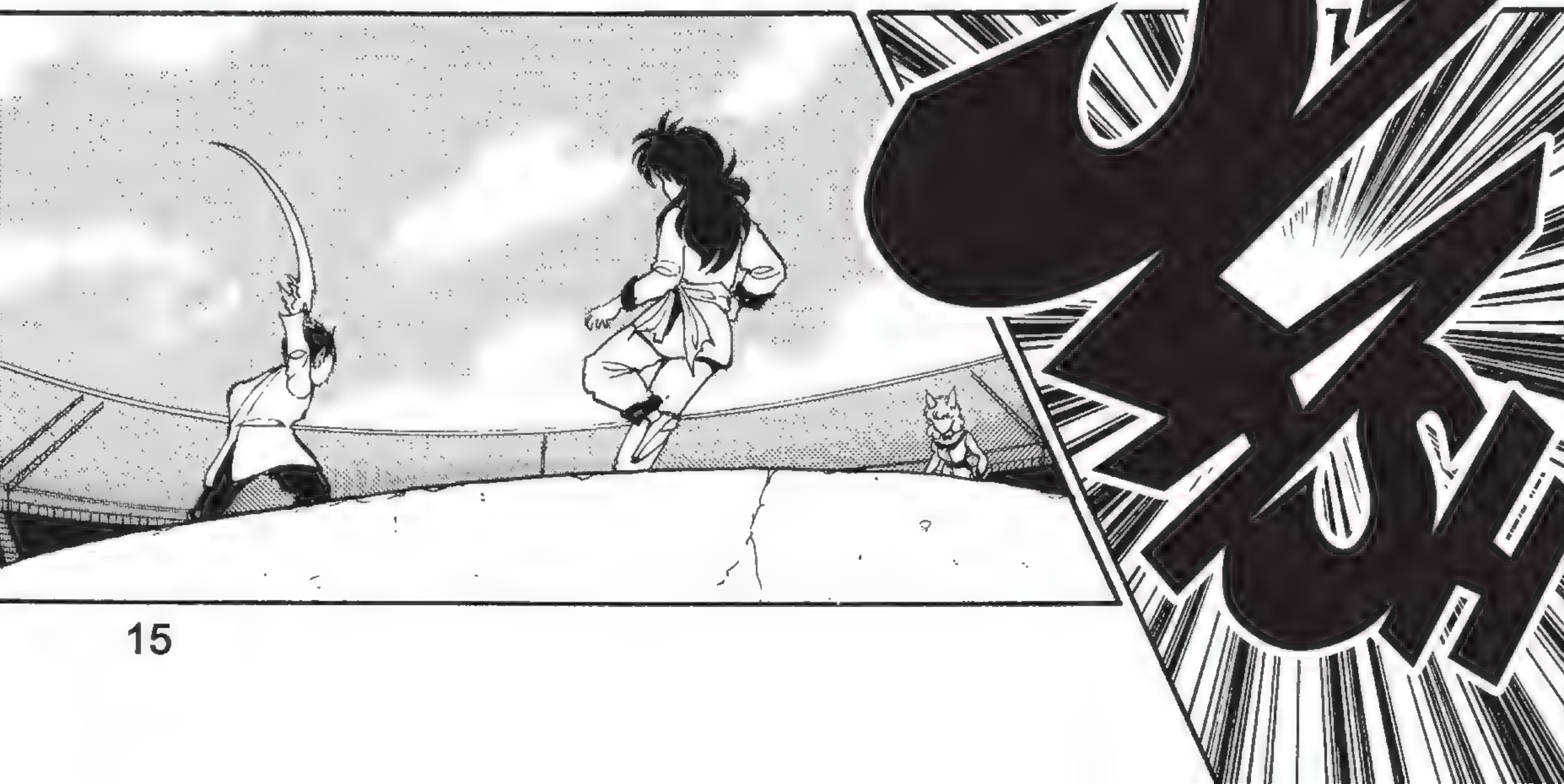
...WHERE
DOES KURAMA
KEEP HIS
ROSE WHIP?

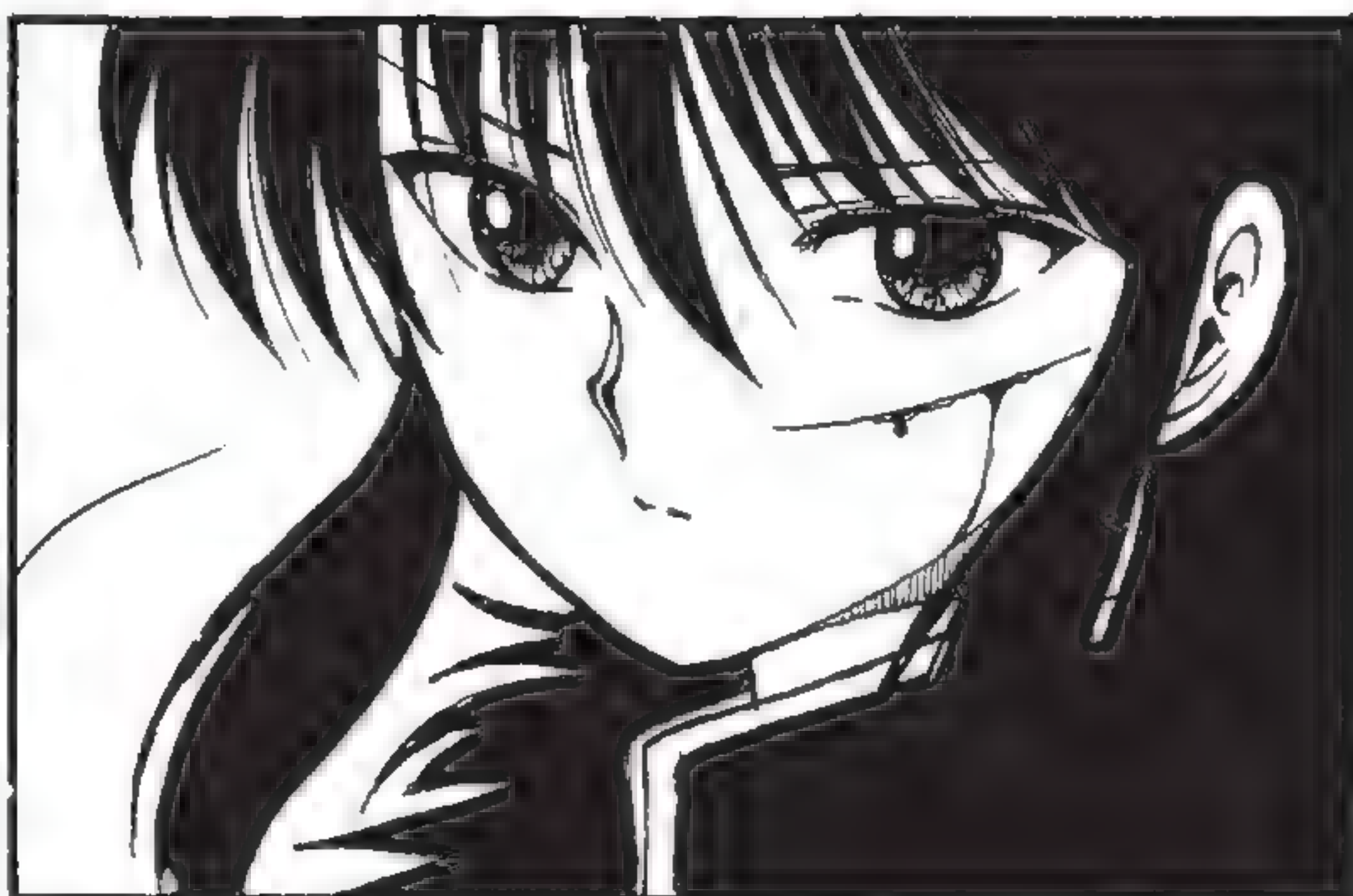
IN A
SIMPLE
LITTLE
ROSEBUD.

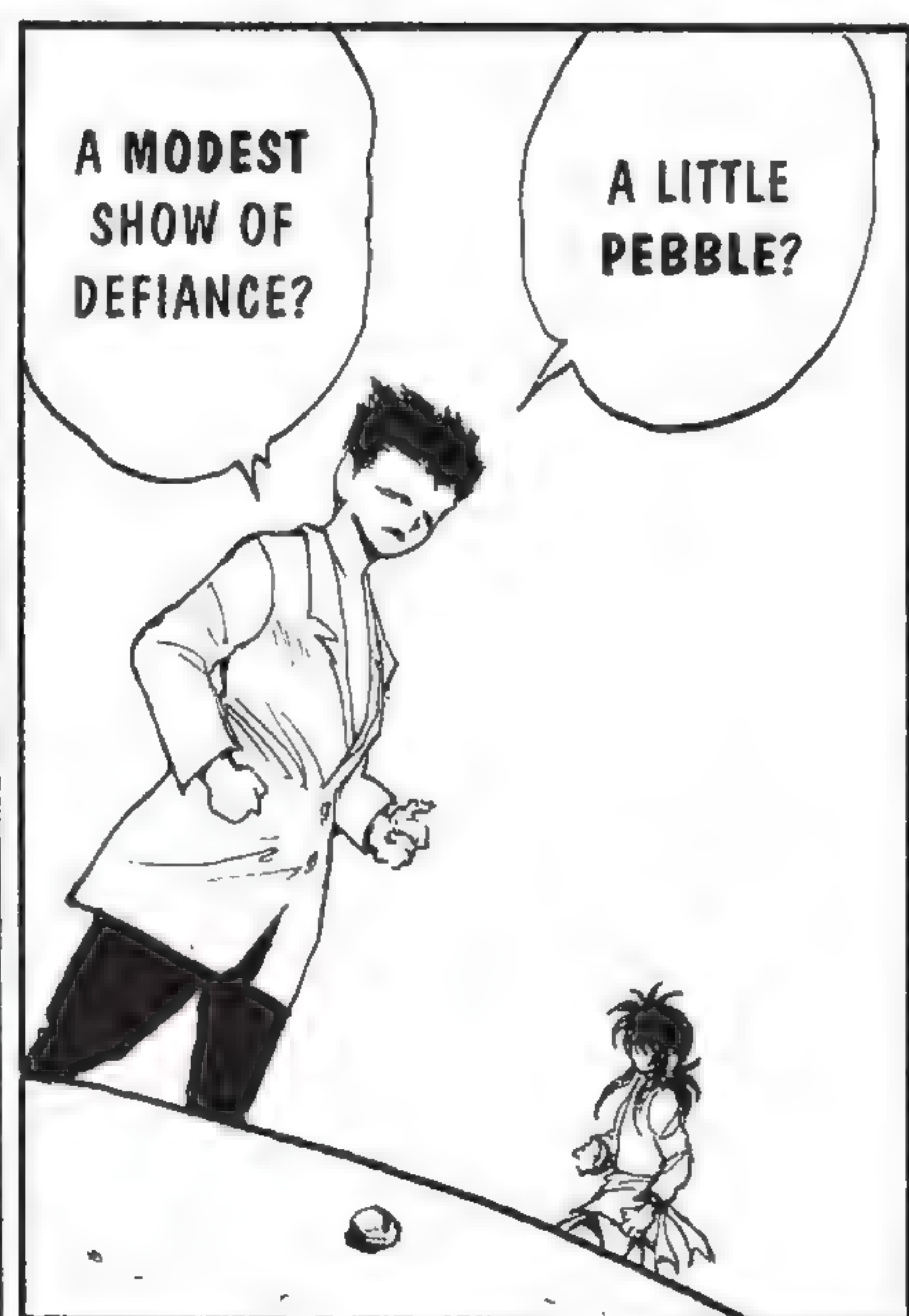
HEY...
SOMETHIN'
I'VE BEEN
WONDER-
IN'...

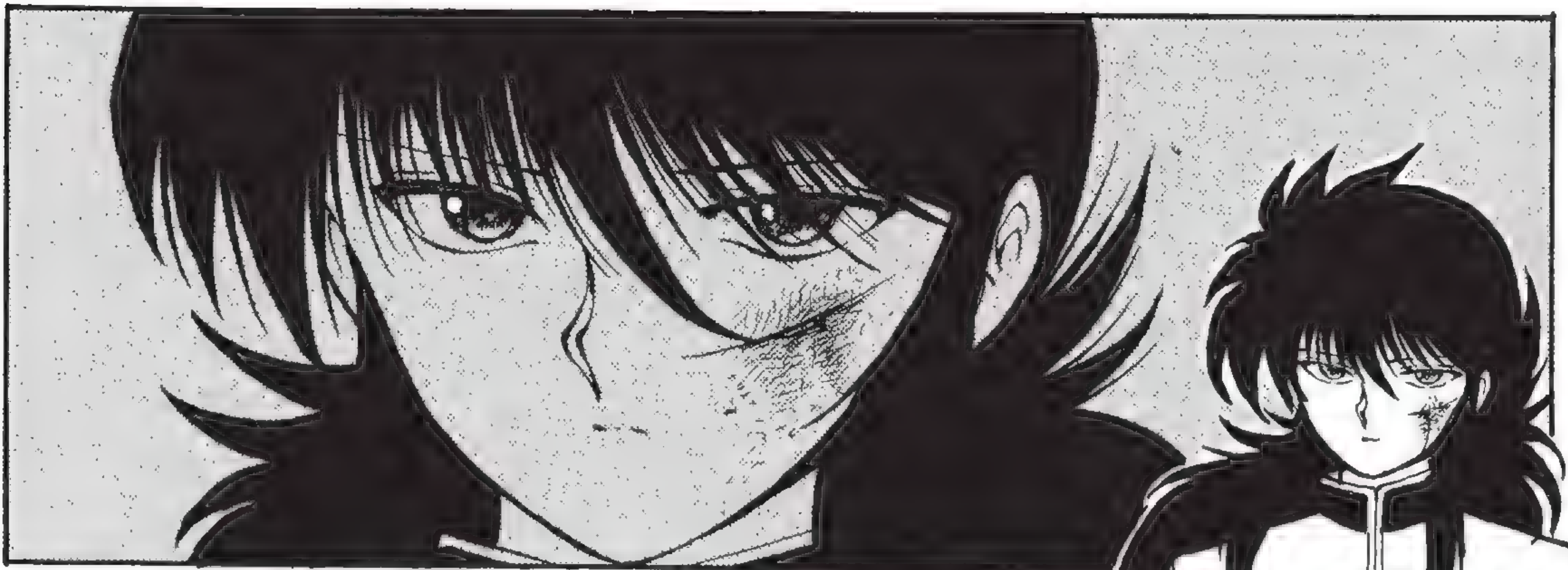












...BUT YOU DO
AND I'LL PUSH
THE BUTTON,
I GUARANTEE.

OOH, SCARY.
OKAY, FIGHT
ME IF YOU
WANT...



TORTURE
HIM, ROTO!
TEAR HIM
UP!

YEAH!
ROTO'S
HYPNOTIZED
HIM!



HE'S
LEAVING
HIMSELF
COMPLETELY
OPEN!

WHAT'S
WRONG
WITH HIM?!



...THE FINGERS
MIGHT FLINCH
AND...
PRESS!
HEH HEH HEH
HEH...

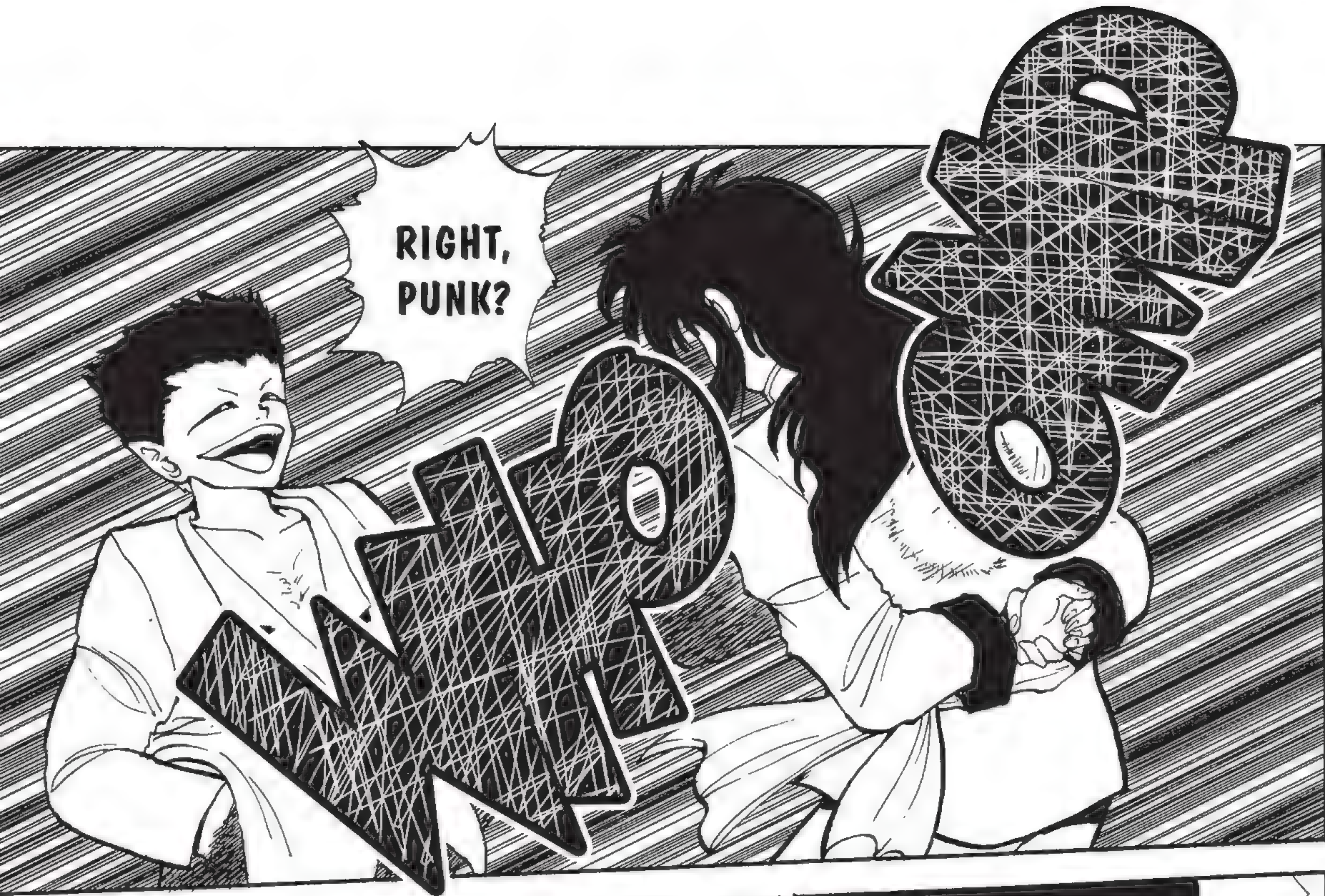
YOU MIGHT
SEVER MY
LEFT ARM
WITH YOUR
WHIP, BUT...



HEH...
BUT YOU
WON'T FIGHT,
WILL YOU?

YOU'RE
SUCH A
SWEET LI'L
MOMMA'S
BOY.





RIGHT,
PUNK?



HEH
HEH...
I LIKE IT.

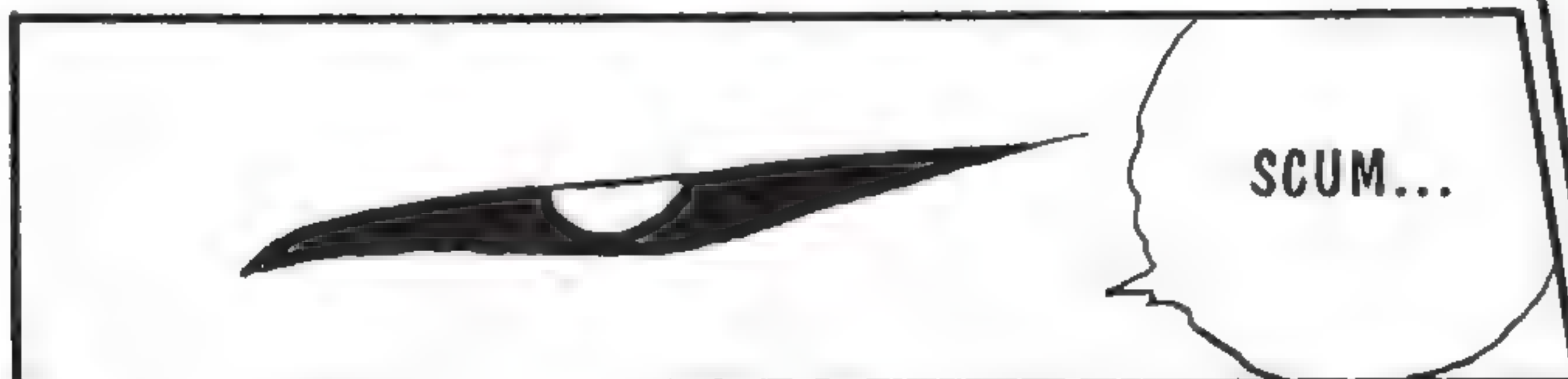


UMPH...



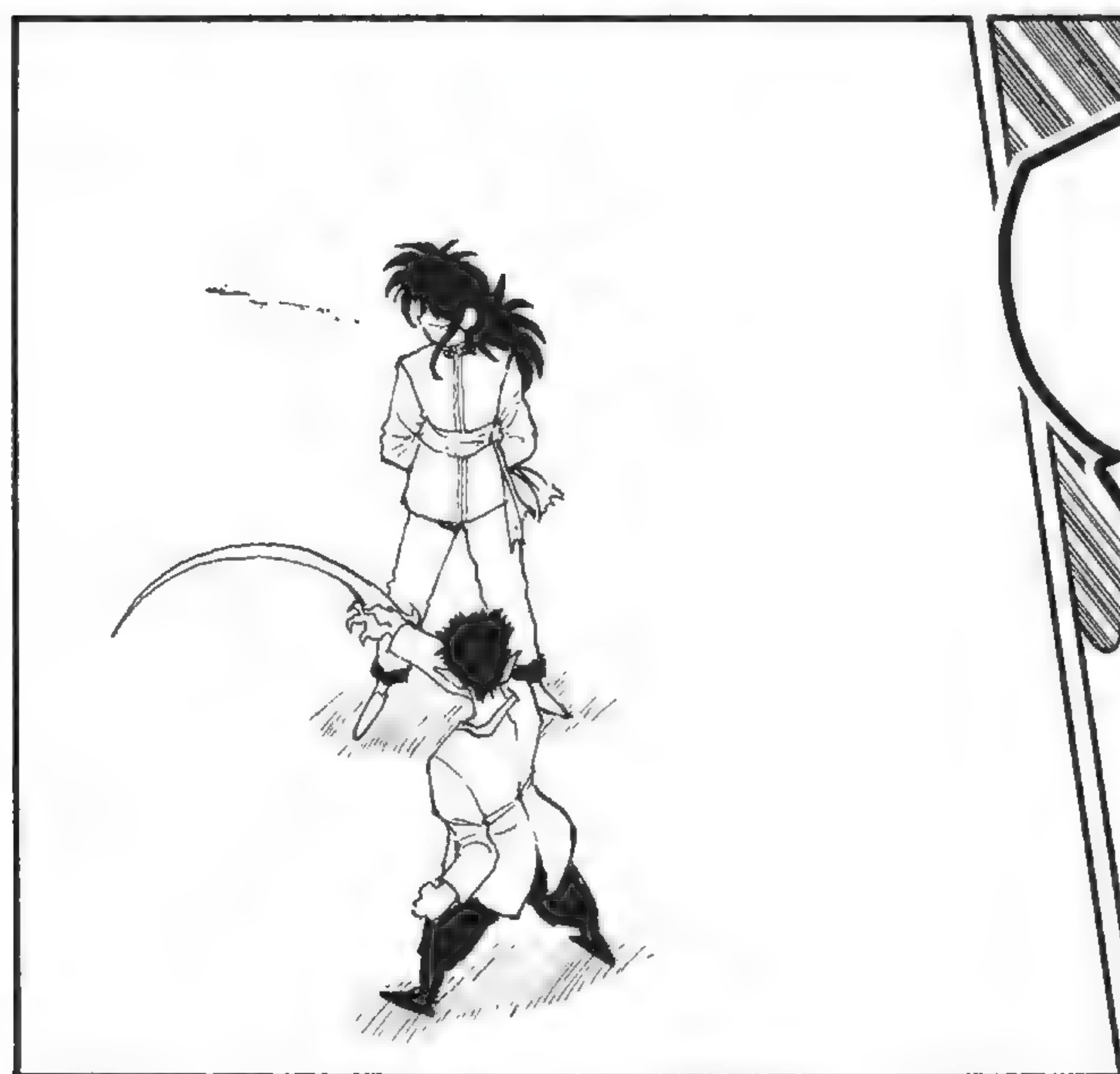
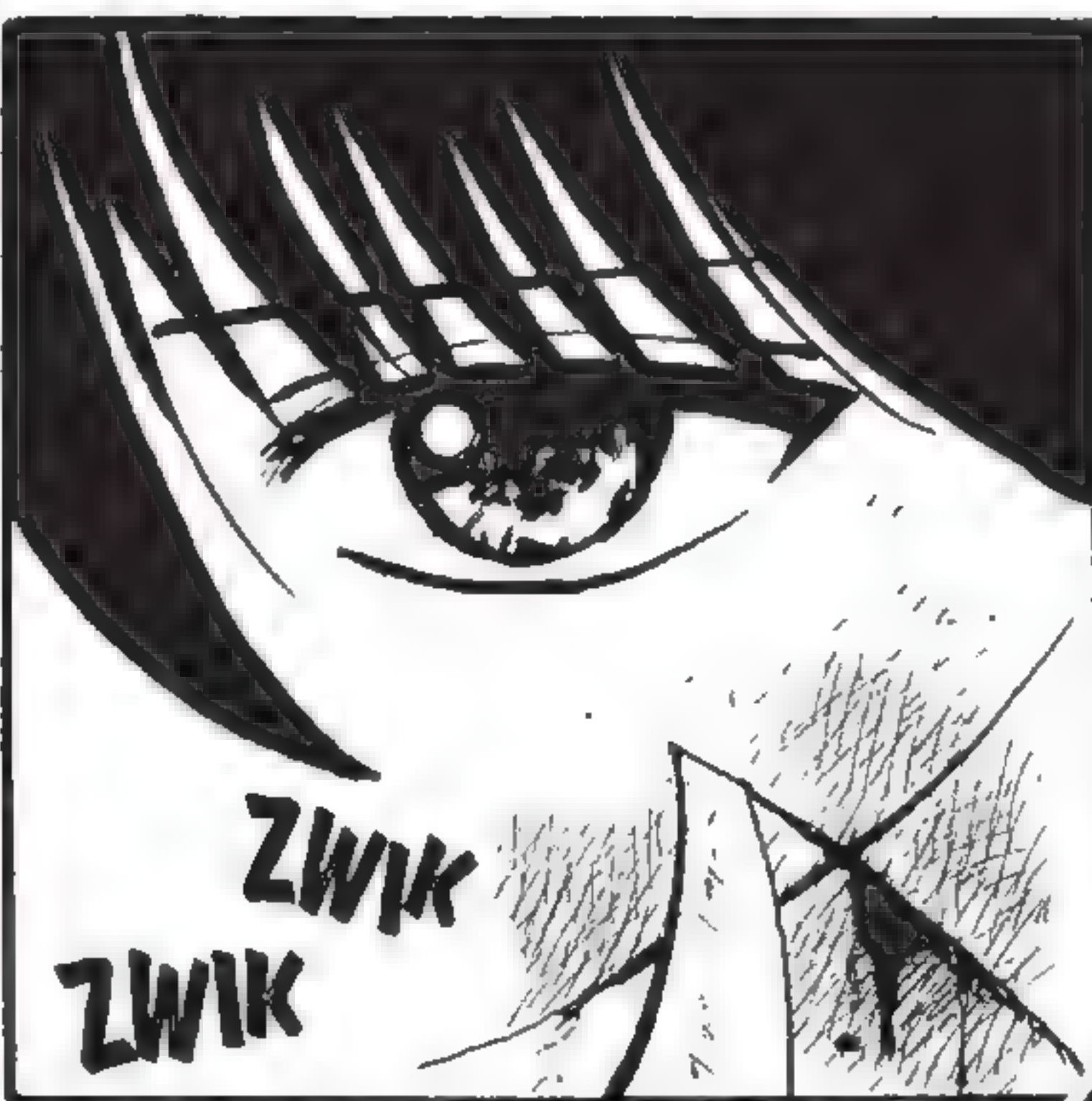
BEATING ON
A GUY WHO
CAN'T FIGHT
BACK!
YEAH!

THIS IS
WHAT I
CALL FUN!
HEH HEH...



SCUM...







BOW DOWN
AND LICK MY
SHOE.



YOU'D BETTER
DO SOMETHIN'
ABOUT IT...
OR ELSE.

NOW I'M
IN A REAL
BAD
MOOD.



I
REFUSE.

AFTER THAT,
MAYBE I WON'T
PRESS THE
BUTTON.

ONCE IT'S
CLEAN, I'LL CUT
YOUR HEAD
OFF.



.....

COME
AGAIN?

COURSE NOT.
YOUR MOMMY'S
LIFE'S ON
THE LINE.
HEH HEH HEH...

THAT'S MY
OFFER.
CAN YOU
REFUSE?

RRUMMMBLE



YOU HYPOCRITE, YOU'RE NO DIFFERENT FROM US AFTER ALL! THIS IS ALL IT TAKES...



...FOR YOU TO GO DEMONIC AGAIN!



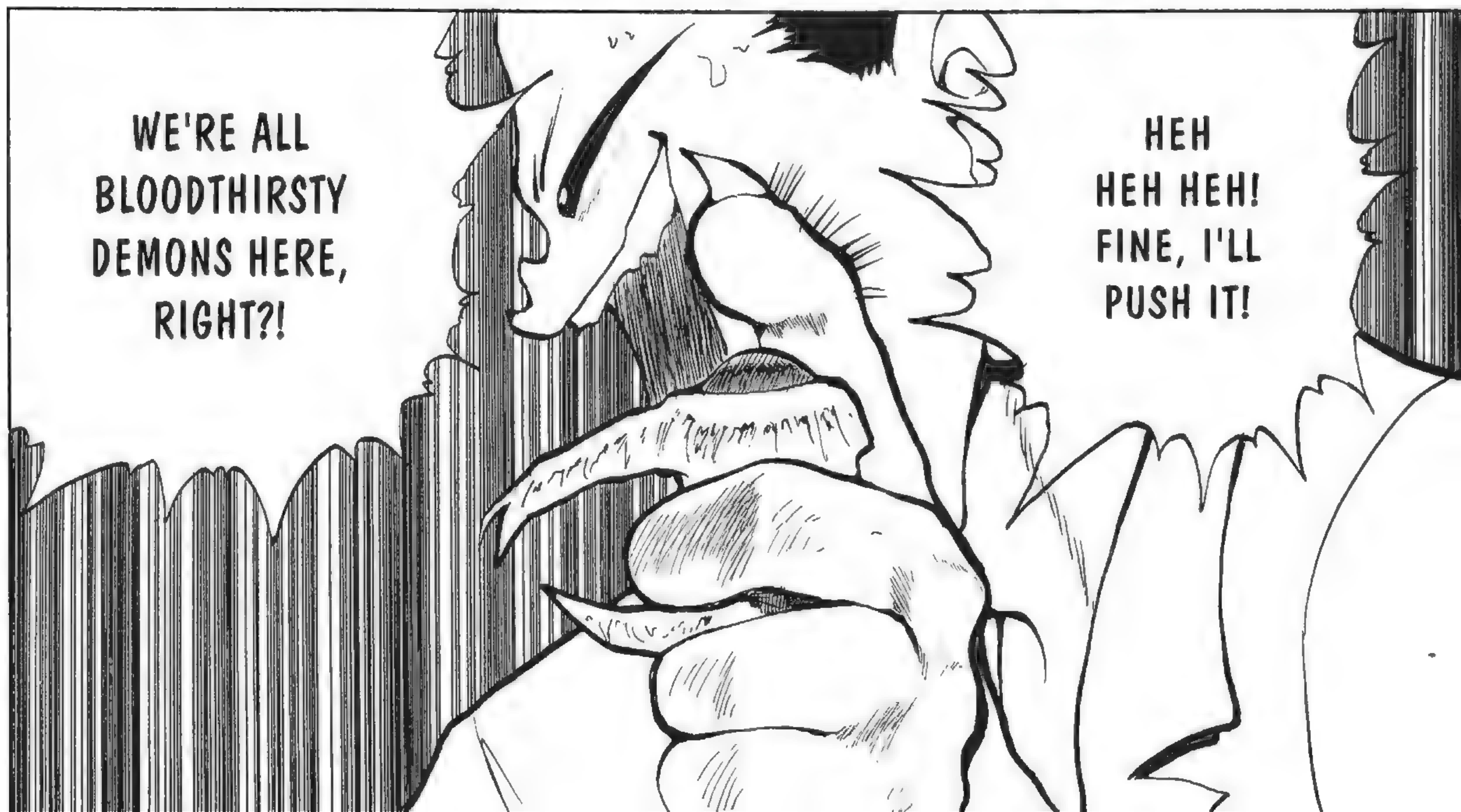
PUSH THE BUTTON.

ENOUGH.

SWP
SWP

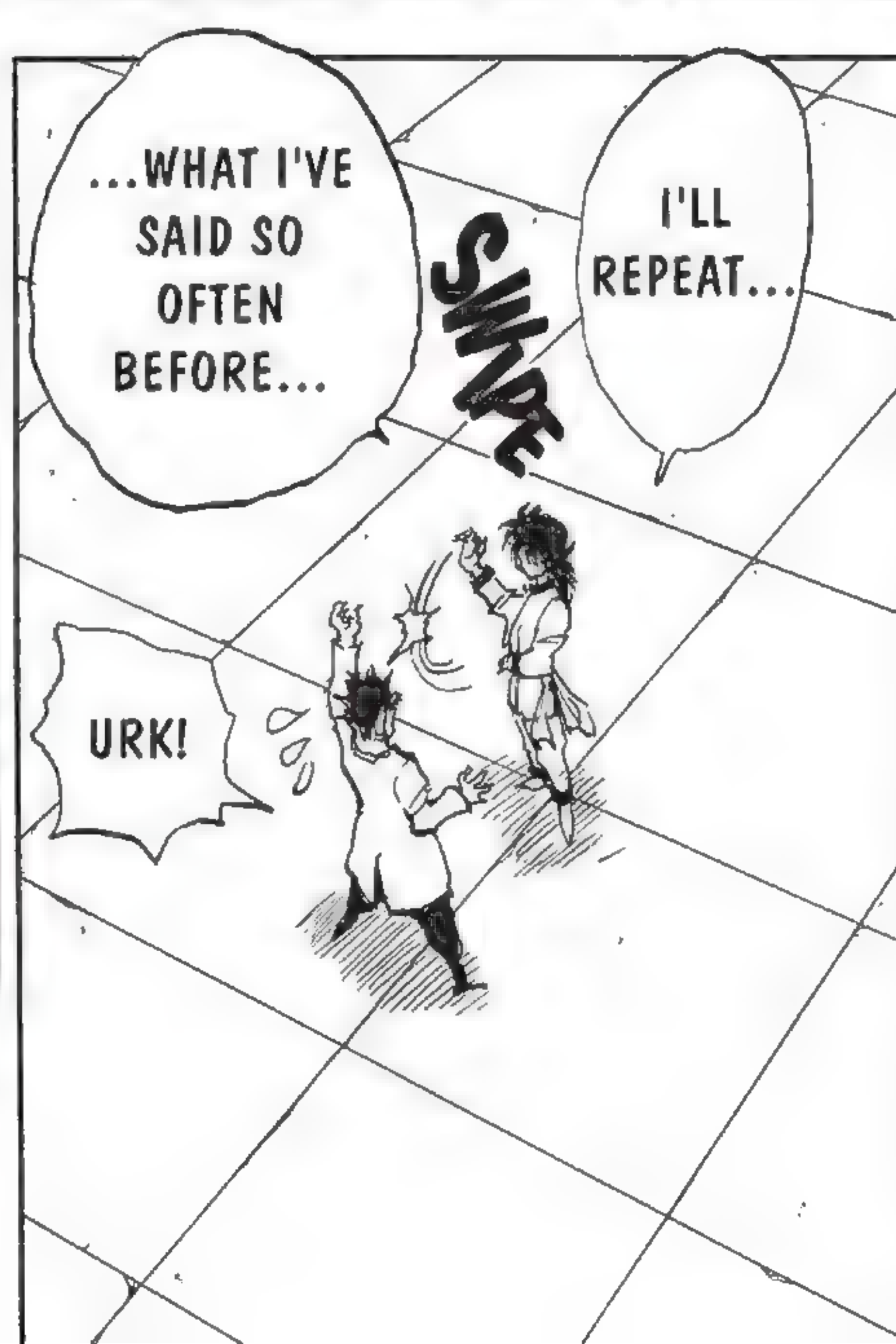
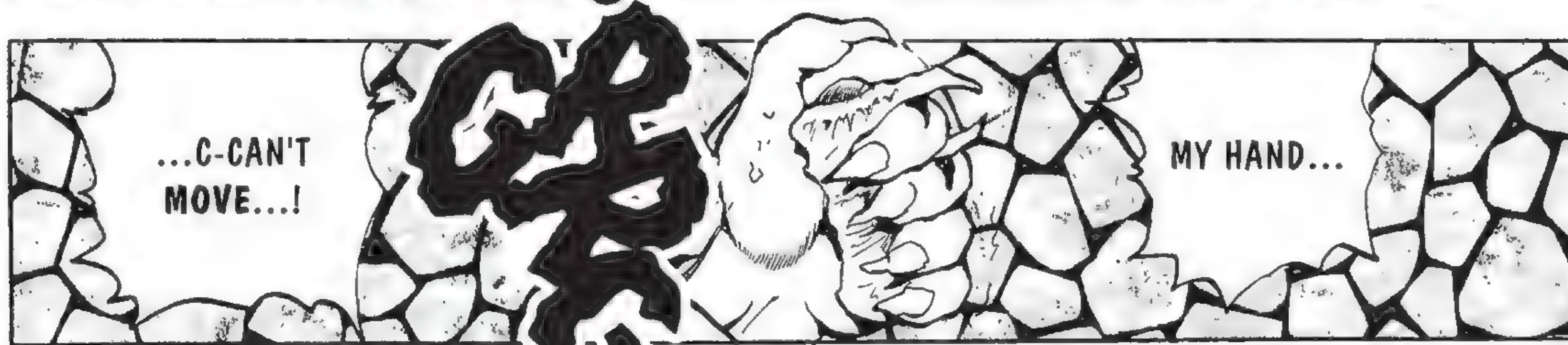


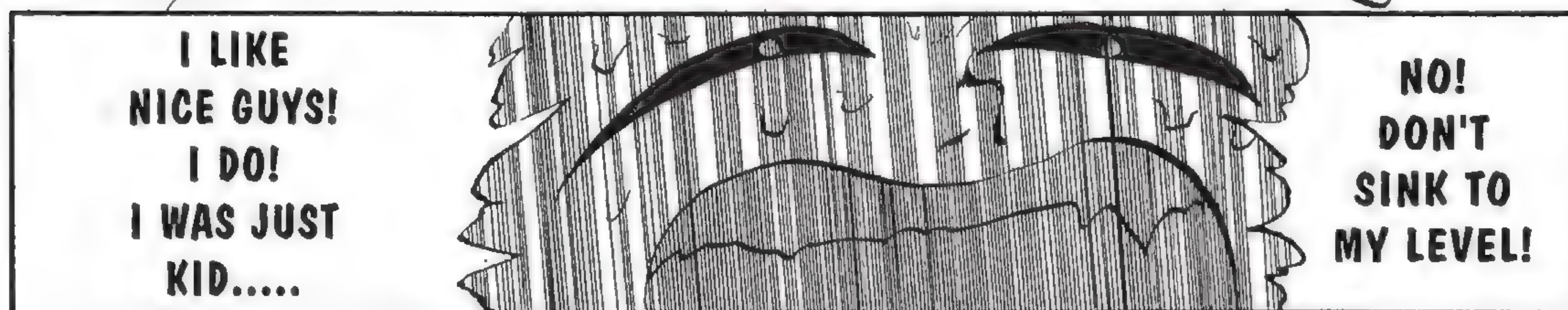
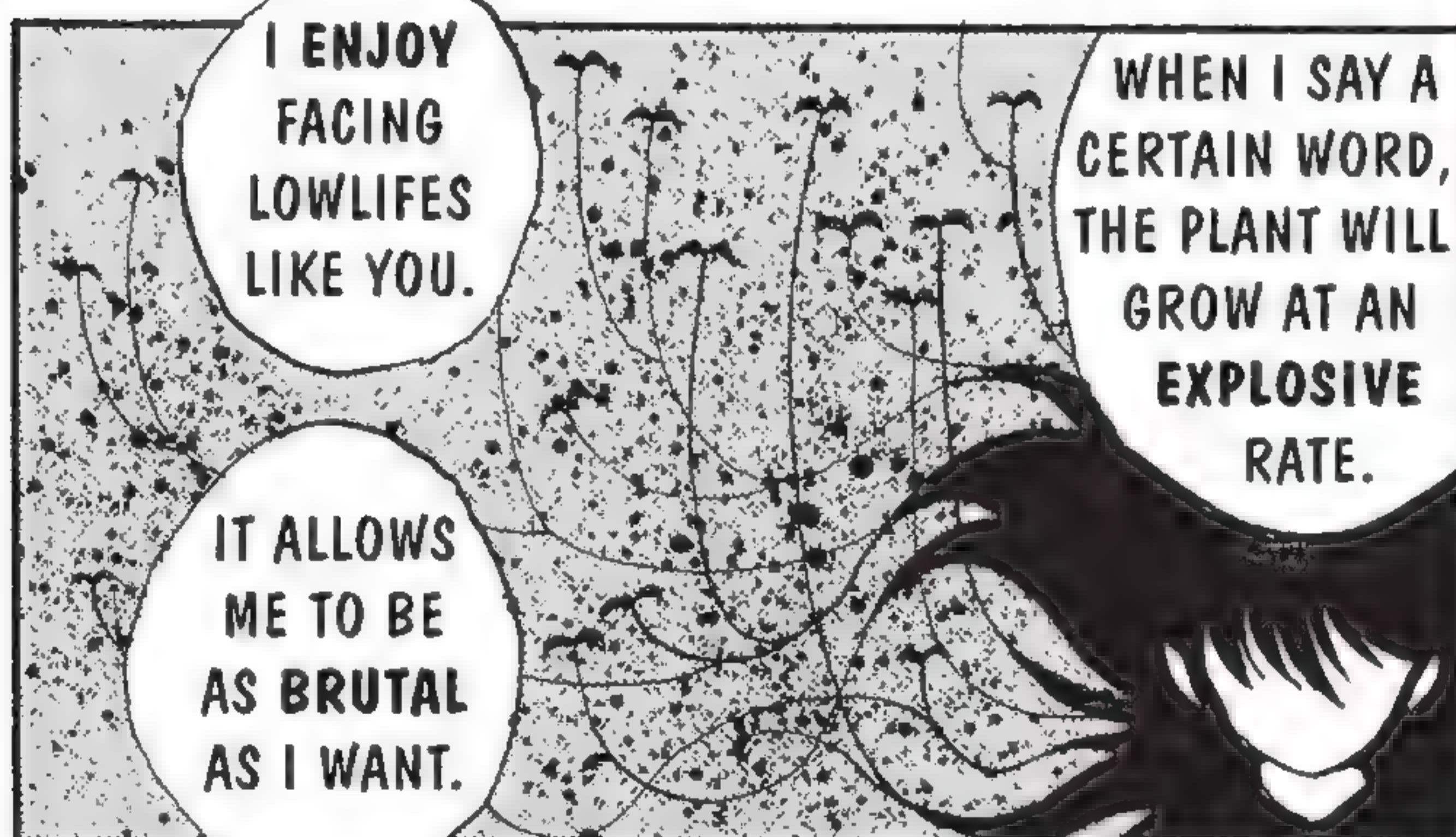
PUSH IT.



WE'RE ALL BLOODTHIRSTY DEMONS HERE, RIGHT?!

HEH HEH HEH! FINE, I'LL PUSH IT!





?!

THE ROOTS
HAVE SPREAD
THROUGH
YOUR BODY,
IMMOBILIZING
YOU...

...BY
PLANTING A
DEADLY
VETCH SEED
ON YOU.

THAT
WAS
WHEN—!

THAT
PEBBLE—
A DISTRACTION!!

I ENJOY
FACING
LOWLIFES
LIKE YOU.

IT ALLOWS
ME TO BE
AS BRUTAL
AS I WANT.

WHEN I SAY A
CERTAIN WORD,
THE PLANT WILL
GROW AT AN
EXPLOSIVE
RATE.

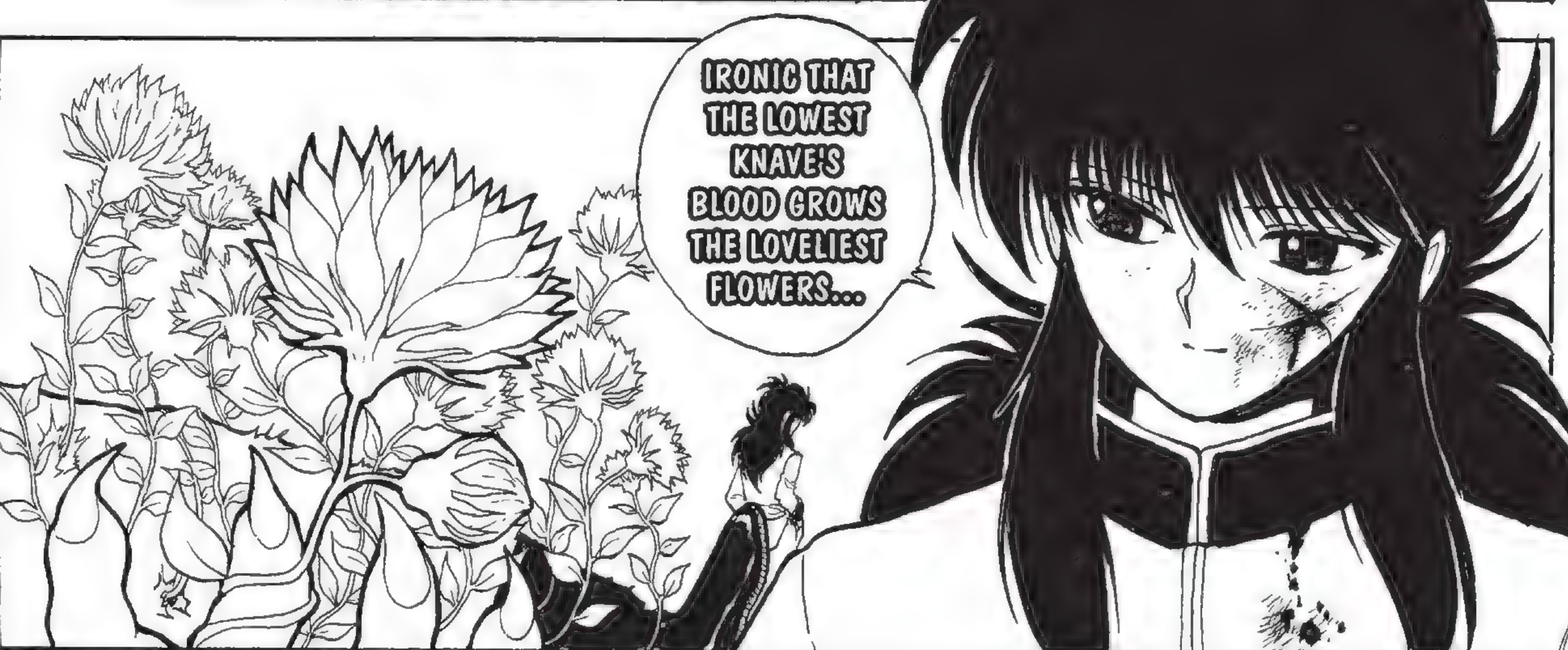
I LIKE
NICE GUYS!
I DO!
I WAS JUST
KID.....

NO!
DON'T
SINK TO
MY LEVEL!

DIE.



FLOOMP



MY RAMBLING DIARY



SHE'S
PRETTY
OLD.

2



I HAVE A
MANNEQUIN
STANDING BY
THE SINK IN
MY STUDIO.

BRW



I GET THE
FEELING
SHE'S
WATCHING
ME.

CREAK

4



MY BACK'S
TO HER WHEN
I'M USING
THE SINK
LATE AT
NIGHT...

SPLASH

SPLASH

3



BUT IT
FEELS
THAT
WAY.

6



OF COURSE,
SHE'S NOT.

5



KURAMA'S
COME UP WITH
A WIN FOR THE
URAMESHI
TEAM!!

THEY'RE
NOW
TIED!!

THE FEARSOME HELL OF BLAZING HEAT!!

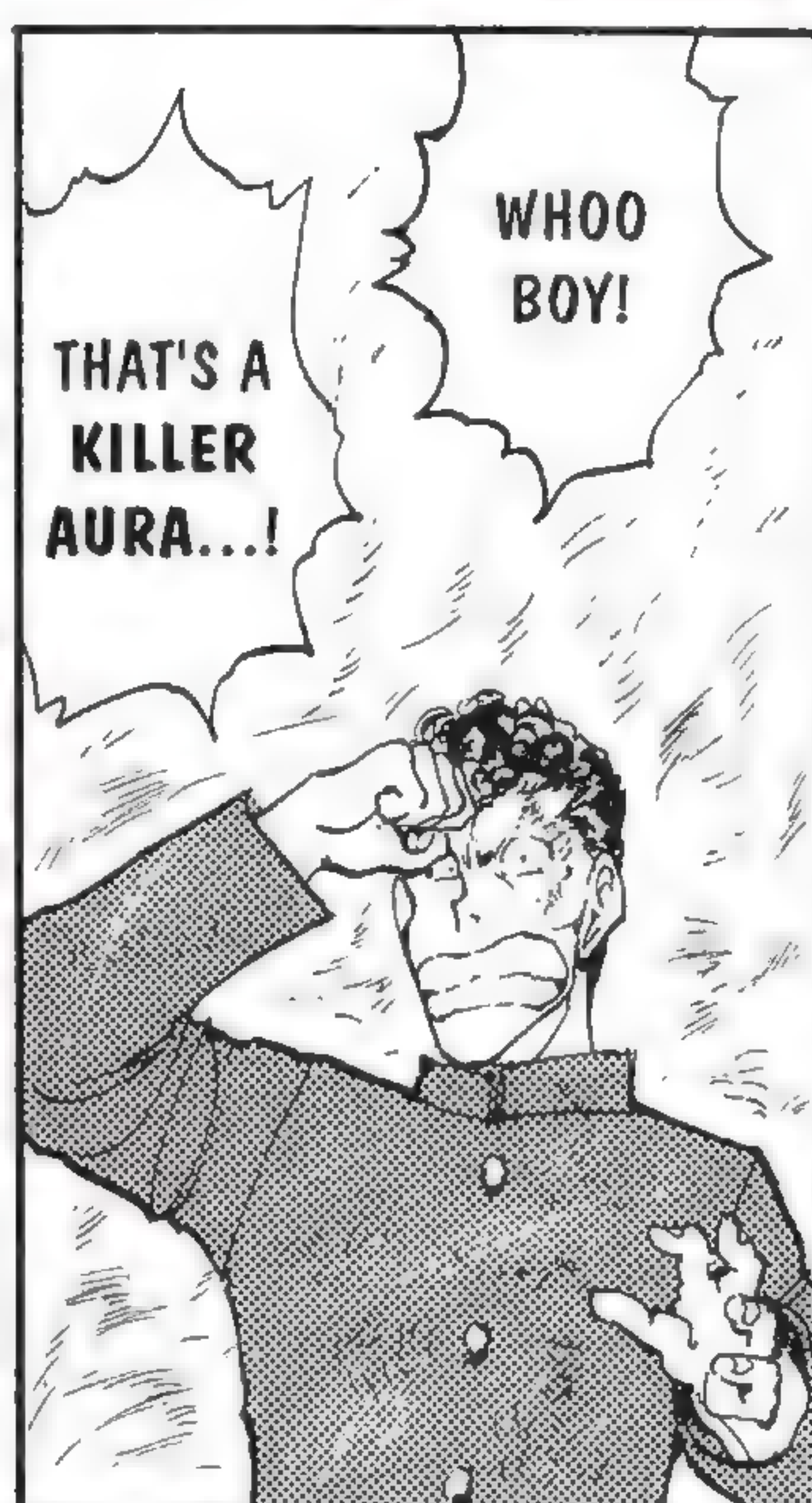
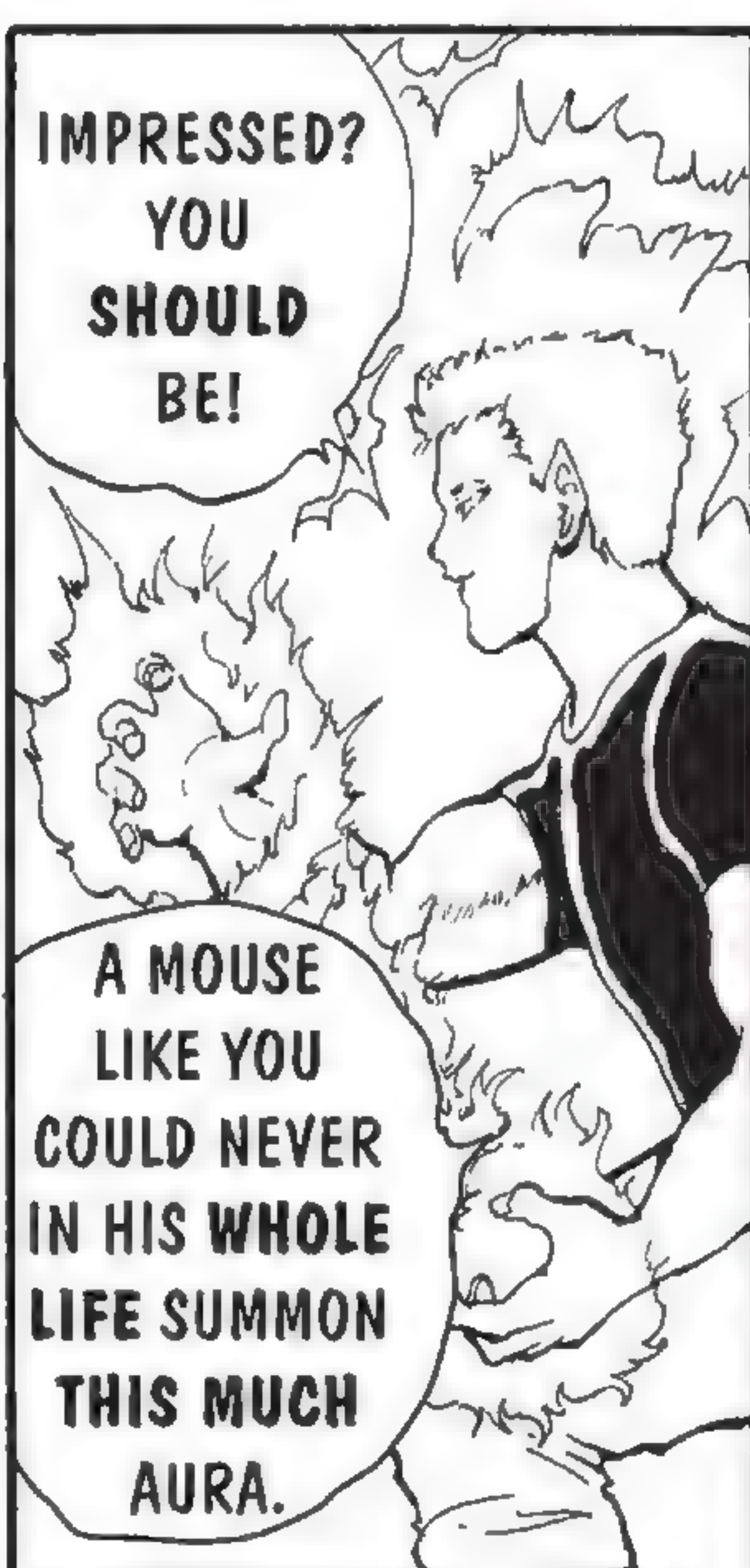


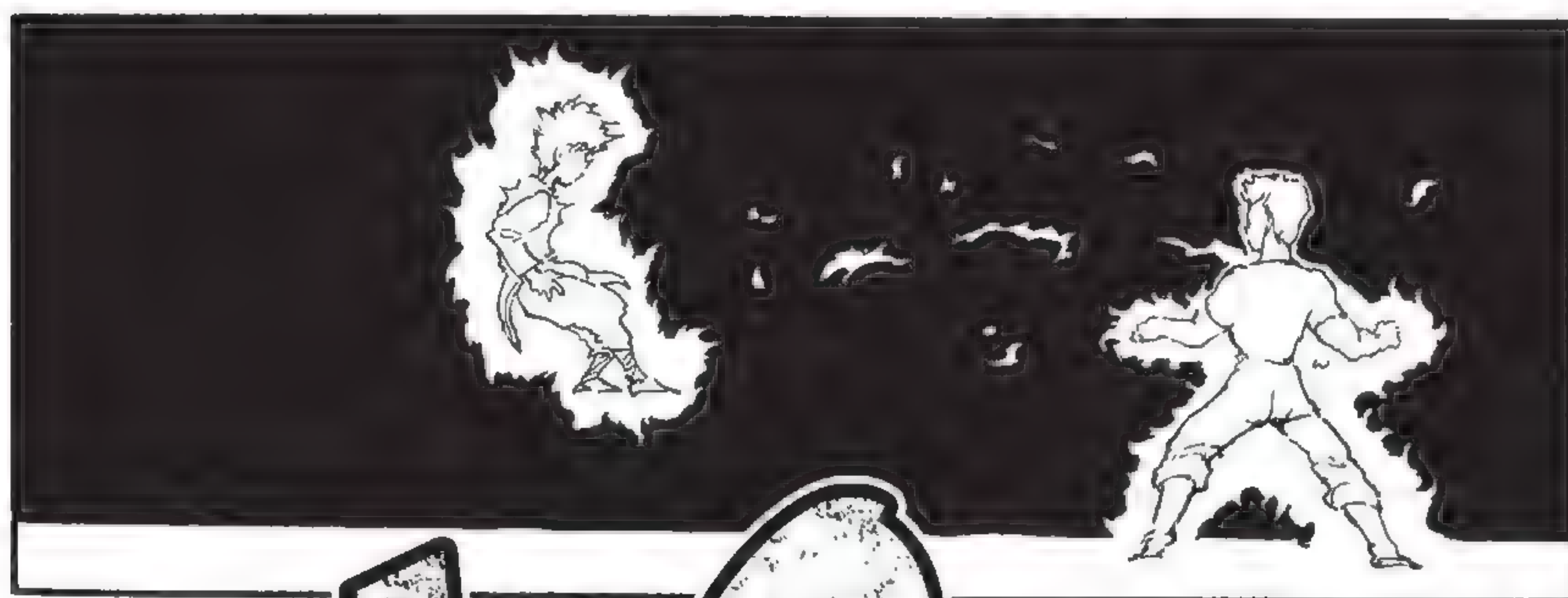
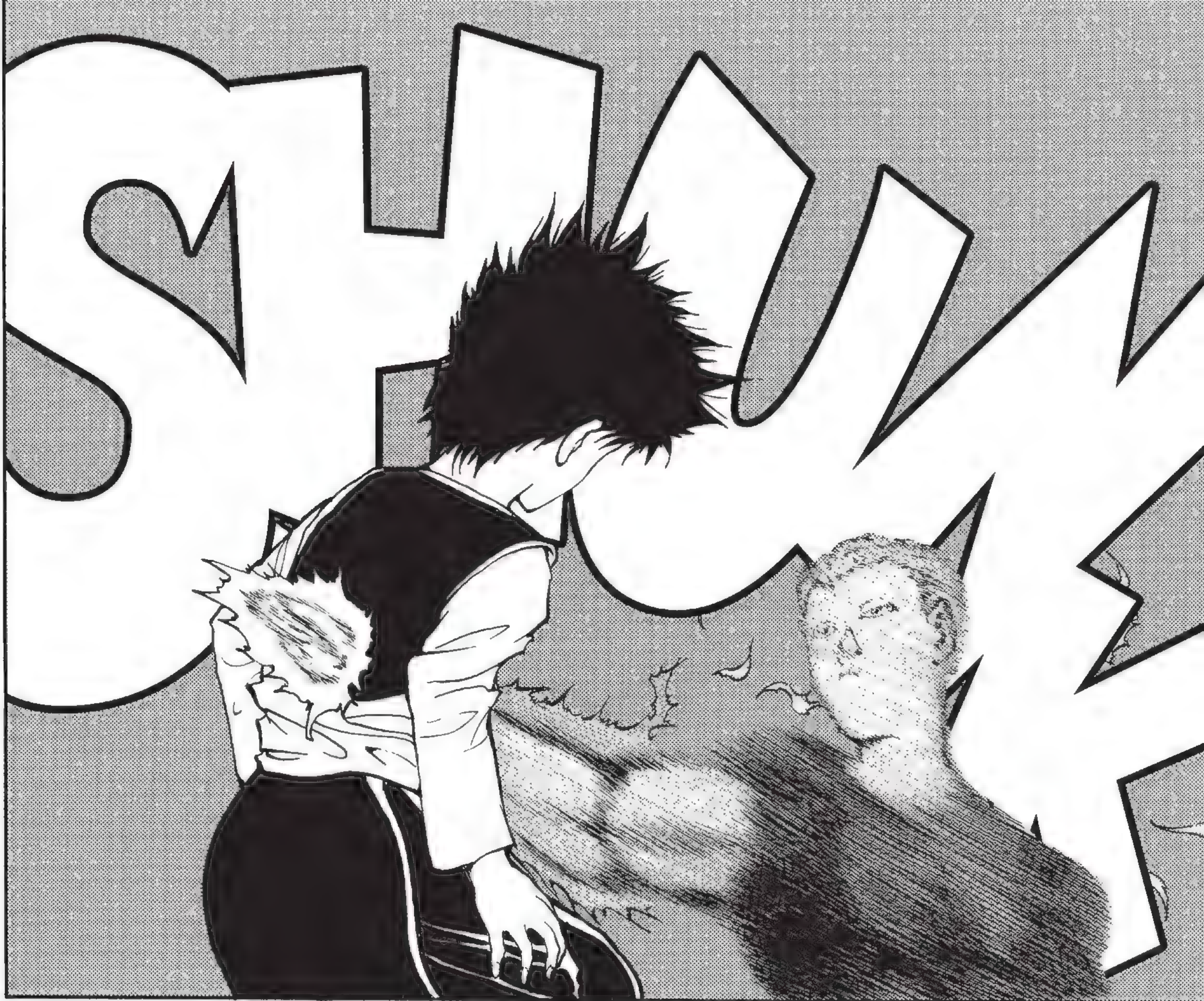


THE FEARSOME HELL OF BLAZING HEAT!!













YOU'RE
NOT BAD.
PITY I HAVE
TO KILL
YOU.

HOW-
EVER...



THAT'S NOT
POSSIBLE!!

Y-YOU
WITHSTOOD
MY DEMONIC
FIRE?



HEH—
YOU NOW
KNOW
OTHERWISE.

REJOICE!!
TO YOU GOES THE
HONOR OF BEING
THE FIRST IN THE
HUMAN WORLD TO
FALL TO THE
BLAZING FIST OF
THE OVERLORD!!



BUT
I WILL,
IN VERY
SHORT
ORDER!




I ADMIT,
I HAVEN'T
COMPLETELY
TAMED IT!!

A MARTIAL ART
FORBIDDEN
IN THE HUMAN
WORLD!

IT'S MEANT
ONLY FOR
THE DEMON
PLANE!




BLAZING
FIST OF
THE
OVER-
LORD!



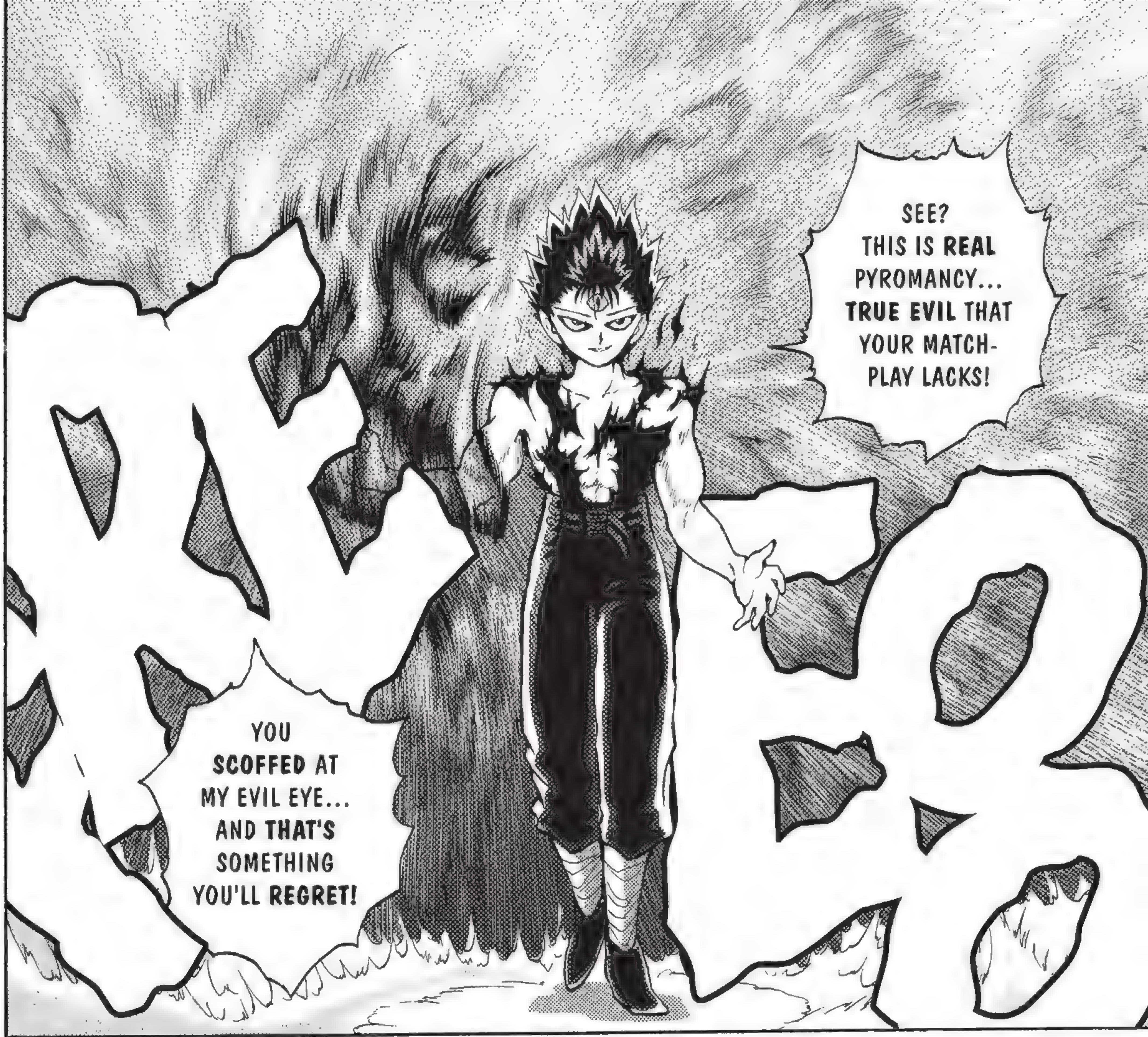
...SUMMONED
FROM THE DEMON
PLANE!! HOW?!

B-BLACK
FLAMES...!!



MY RIGHT
ARM SHOULD
BE ENOUGH
FOR THIS.

I'M
AFRAID MY
CONTROL IS
MEAGER...



SEE?
THIS IS REAL
PYROMANCY...
TRUE EVIL THAT
YOUR MATCH-
PLAY LACKS!

YOU
SCOFFED AT
MY EVIL EYE...
AND THAT'S
SOMETHING
YOU'LL REGRET!



EVEN I, YOUR
COMMENTATOR,
HAVE DECIDED TO
TAKE COVER!!

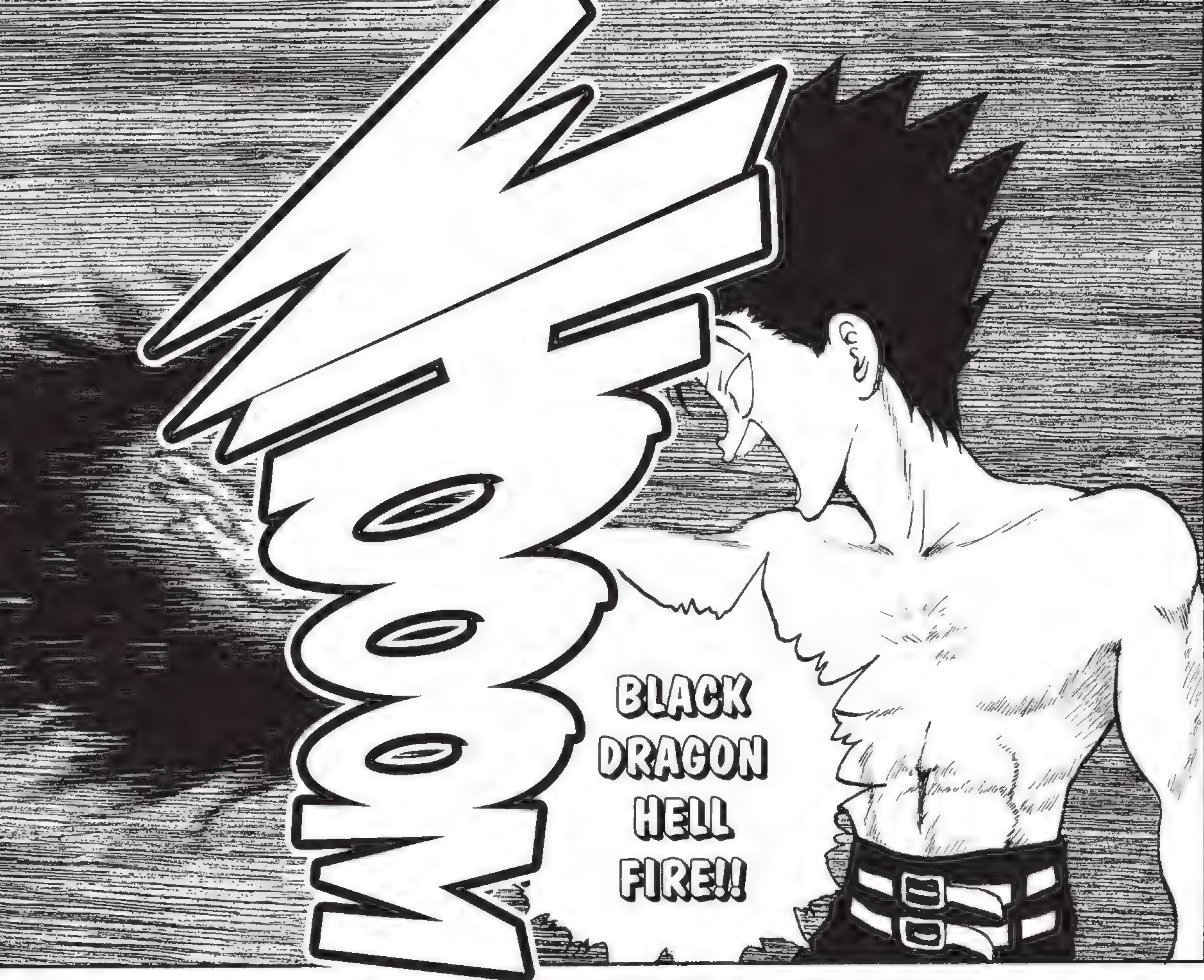
IT'S GOING
OVER THE
TOP HERE!!

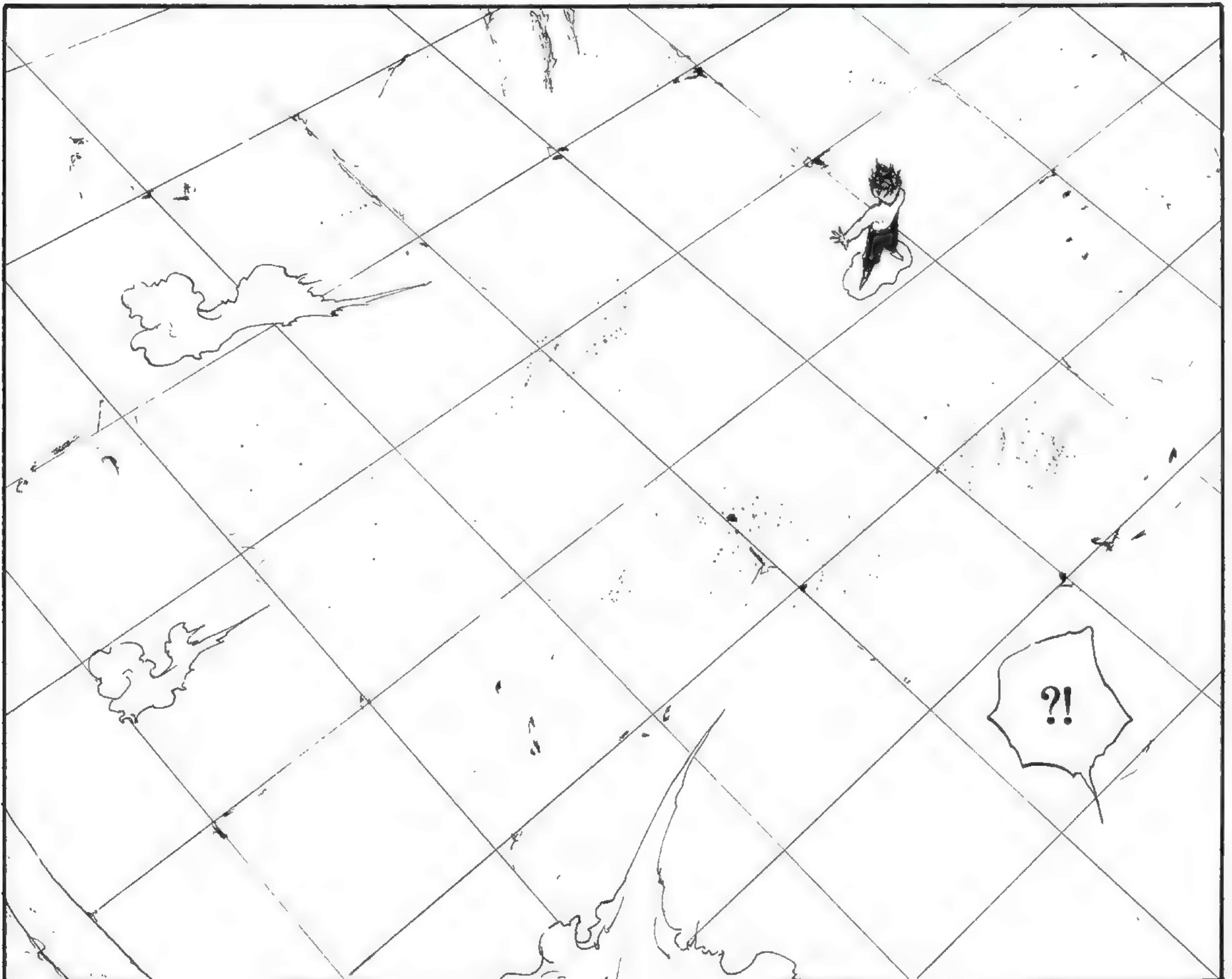
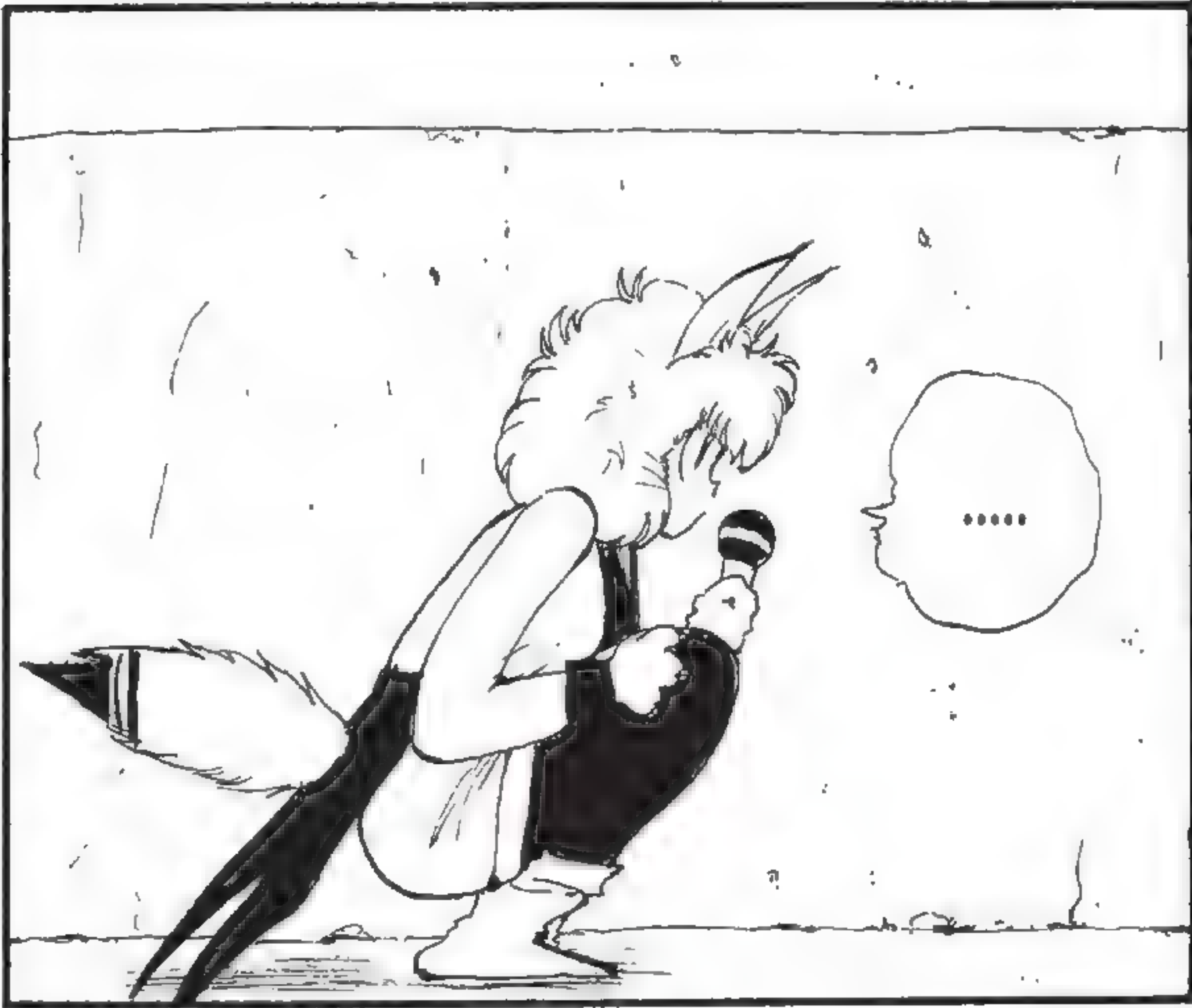
BOON!

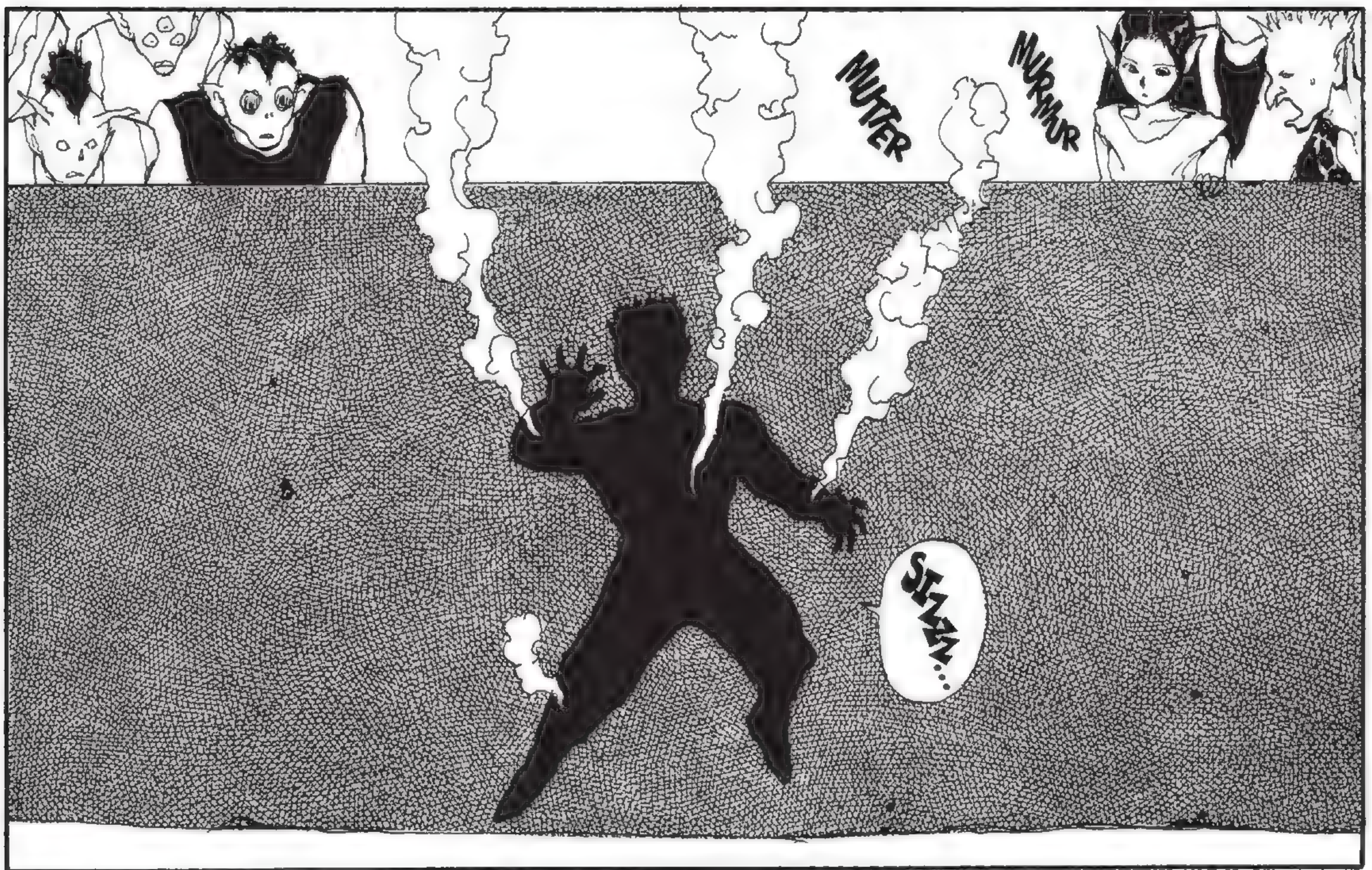
WAIT...
YOU
CAN'T...!!



HERE IT
COMES!!









SEE
THAT,
YA
PUNKS?!

EVEN
GYPPED IN
THE FIRST
ROUND,
WE'RE UP
2 TO 1!!

...THE
WINNER —
HIEI!!

THE...



WHAT HIEI
JUST DID...
WHAT HE CAN DO...
IF HE DECIDED TO
TURN ON US NOW...

NOT THAT
IT'S A
HECKUVA
LOTTA
COMFORT.



MY BLAZING
FIST OF THE
OVERLORD
STILL NEEDS
WORK,
ANYWAY.

CALM DOWN.
ONCE I PICK
A SIDE,
I STICK
WITH IT.



J-JUST
LIKE
THAT...

ZERU,
ZAPPED...

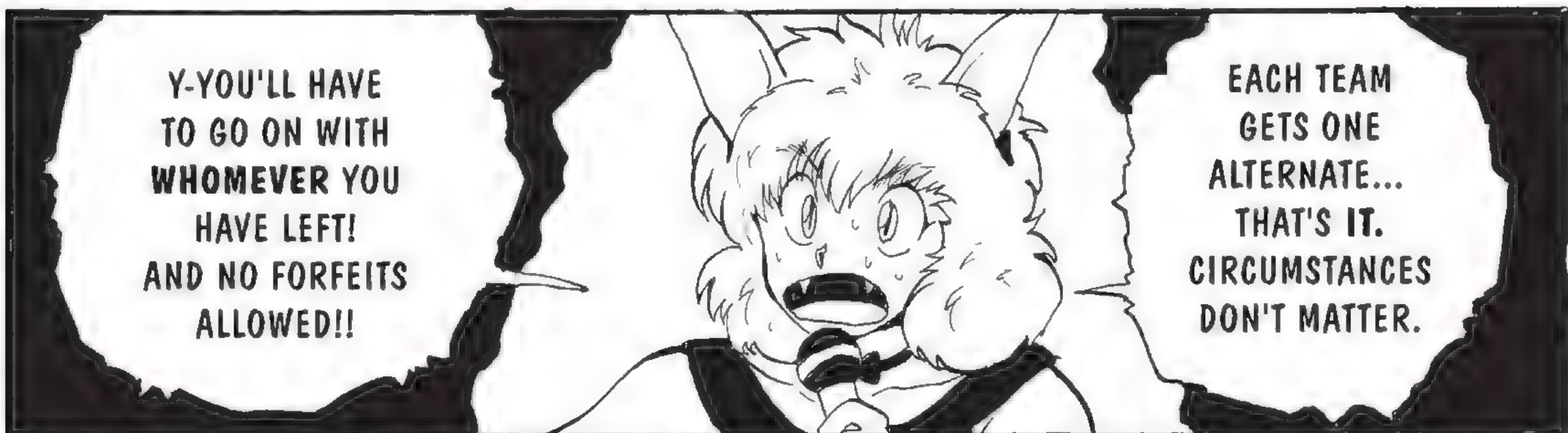


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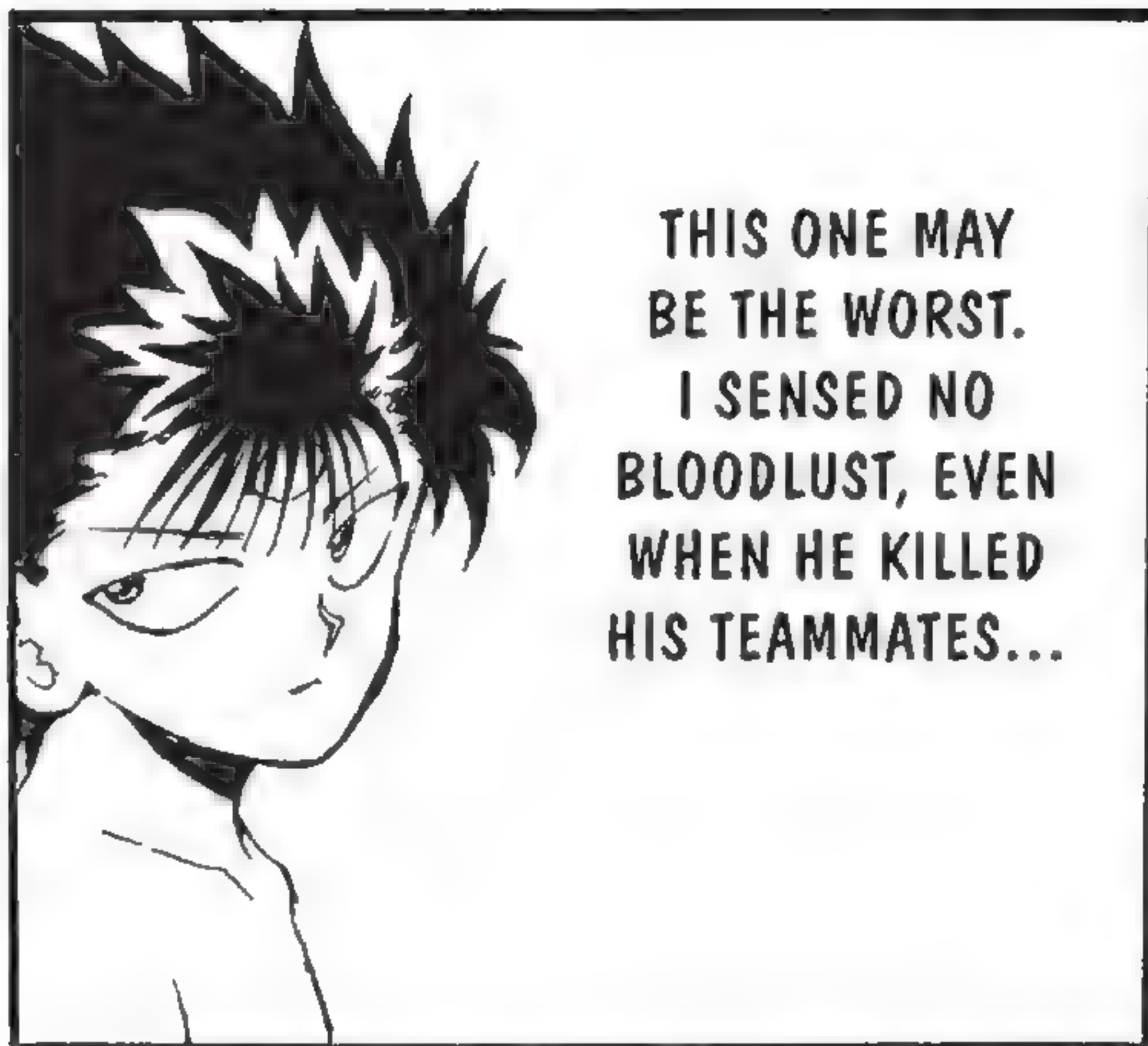
KESHER











THIS ONE MAY
BE THE WORST.
I SENSED NO
BLOODLUST, EVEN
WHEN HE KILLED
HIS TEAMMATES...



KILL
'IM,
SON!

HERE WE
GO...



I WANNA WIN IT
ALL QUICK, THEN
GET DOWN T' SUM
SERIOUS
DRINKIN'!!

C'MON!
LE'S GO!!

SUB-
CAPTAINS
FORWA—

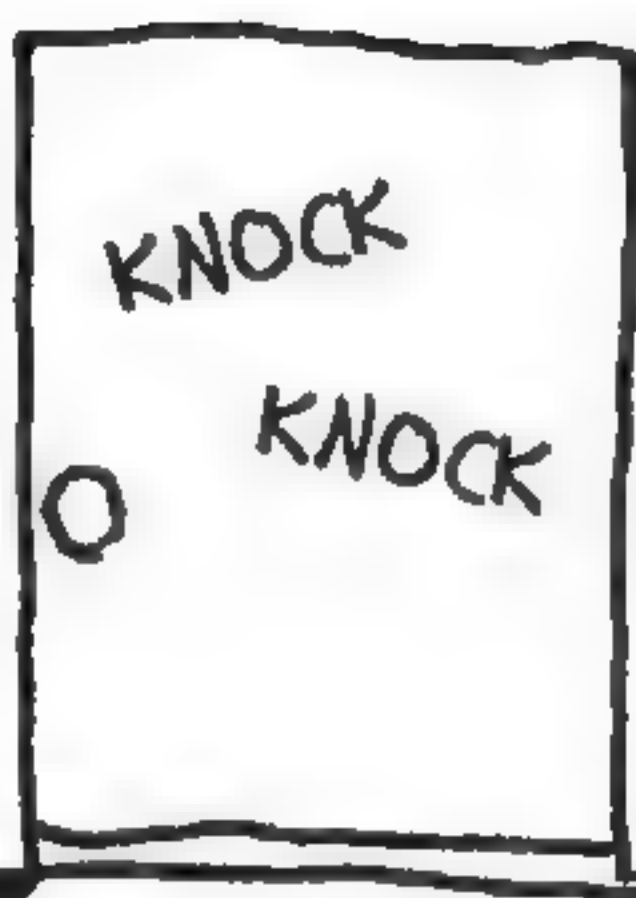


I COULD USE
SOME LIGHT
EXERCISE
AFTER THAT
NAP.

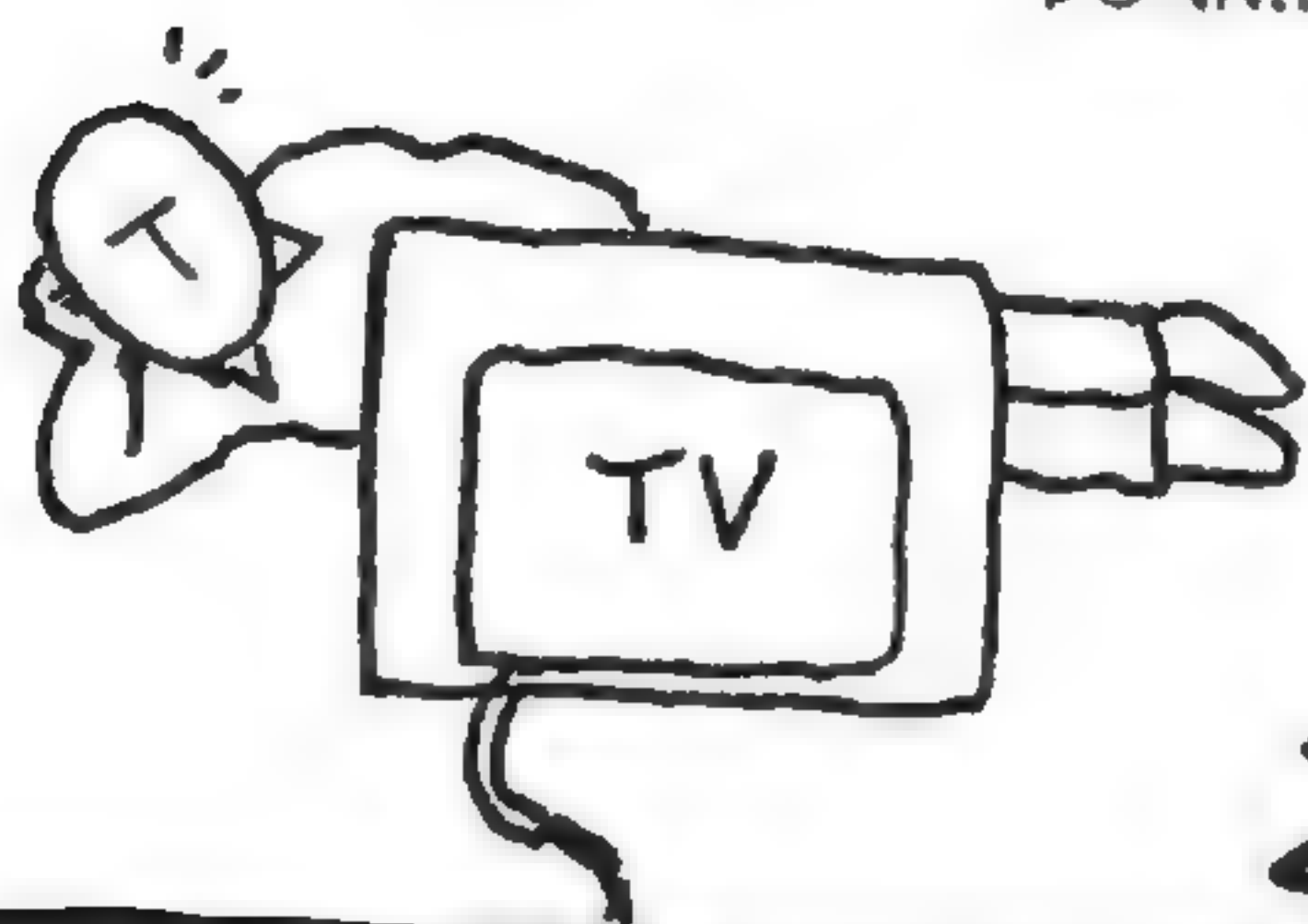
A MAN WITH
A PLAN, EH?
LEAVE 'IM
TO ME.

"LIGHT"...?

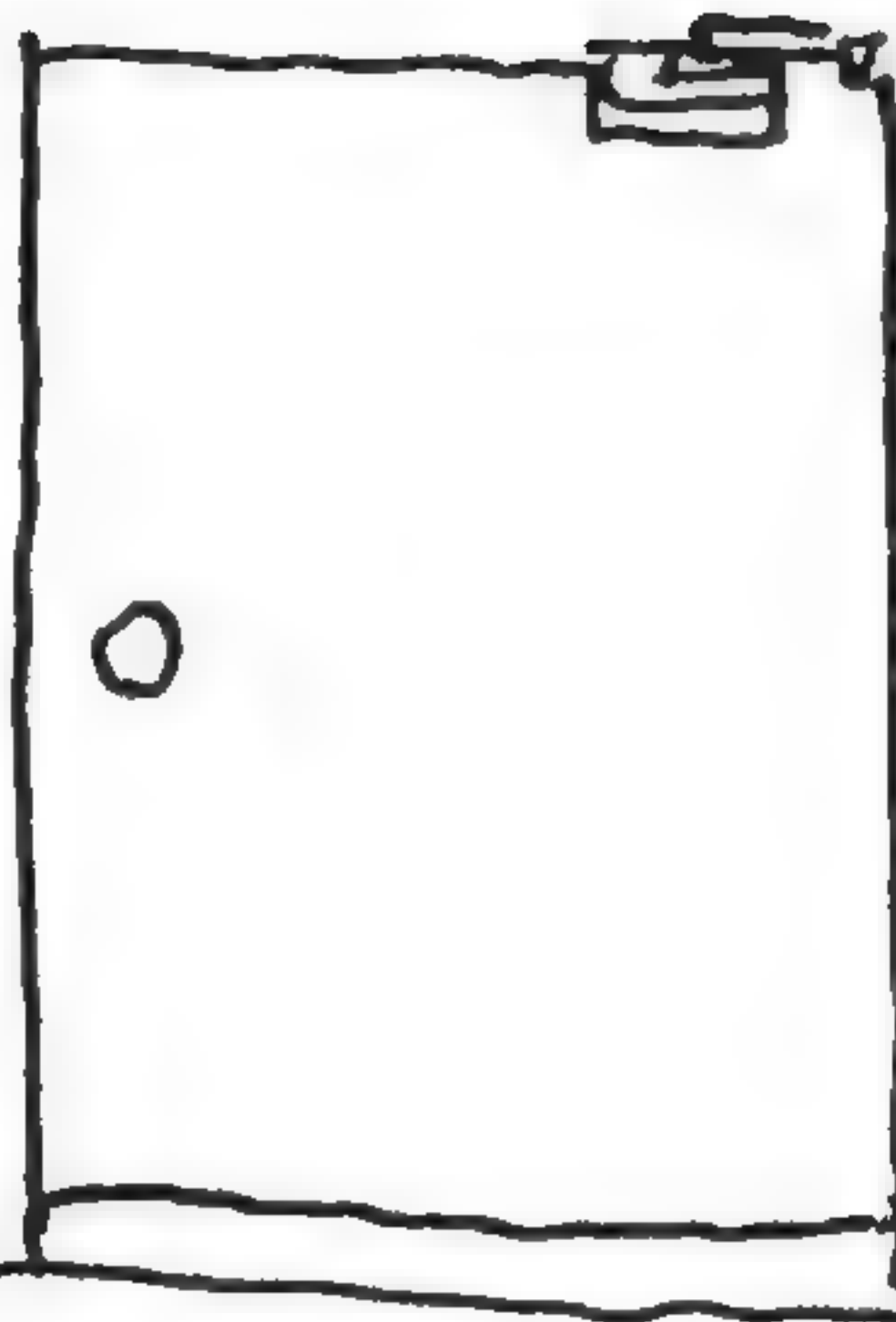
...AND
WATCHING
TV...



SO WHEN
I'M
TAKING A
BREAK
FROM
WORK,
LYING
DOWN...



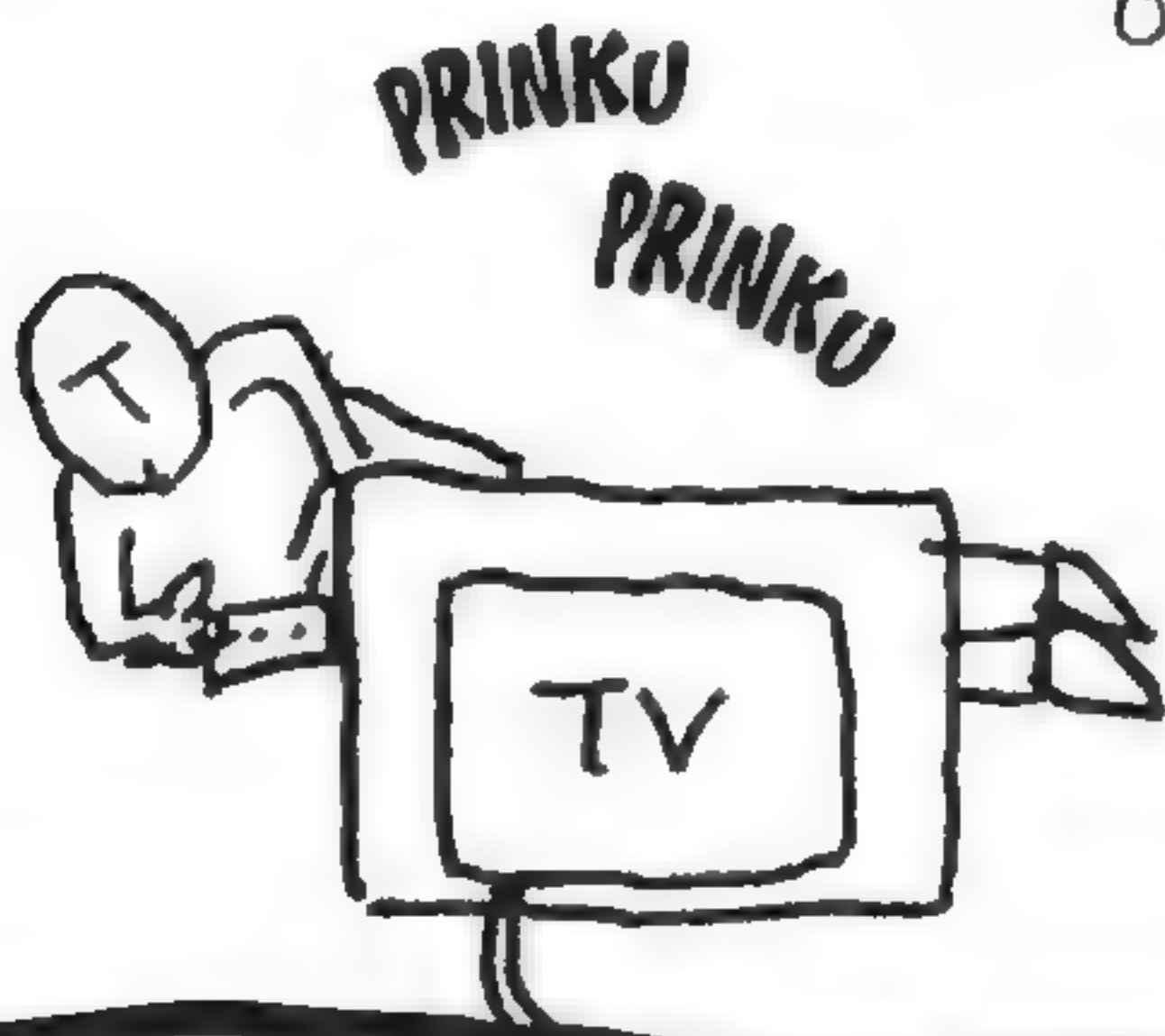
THERE'S
A SMALL
GAP
BETWEEN
IT AND
THE
FLOOR.



THIS IS
THE
DOOR
TO MY
WORK-
PLACE.

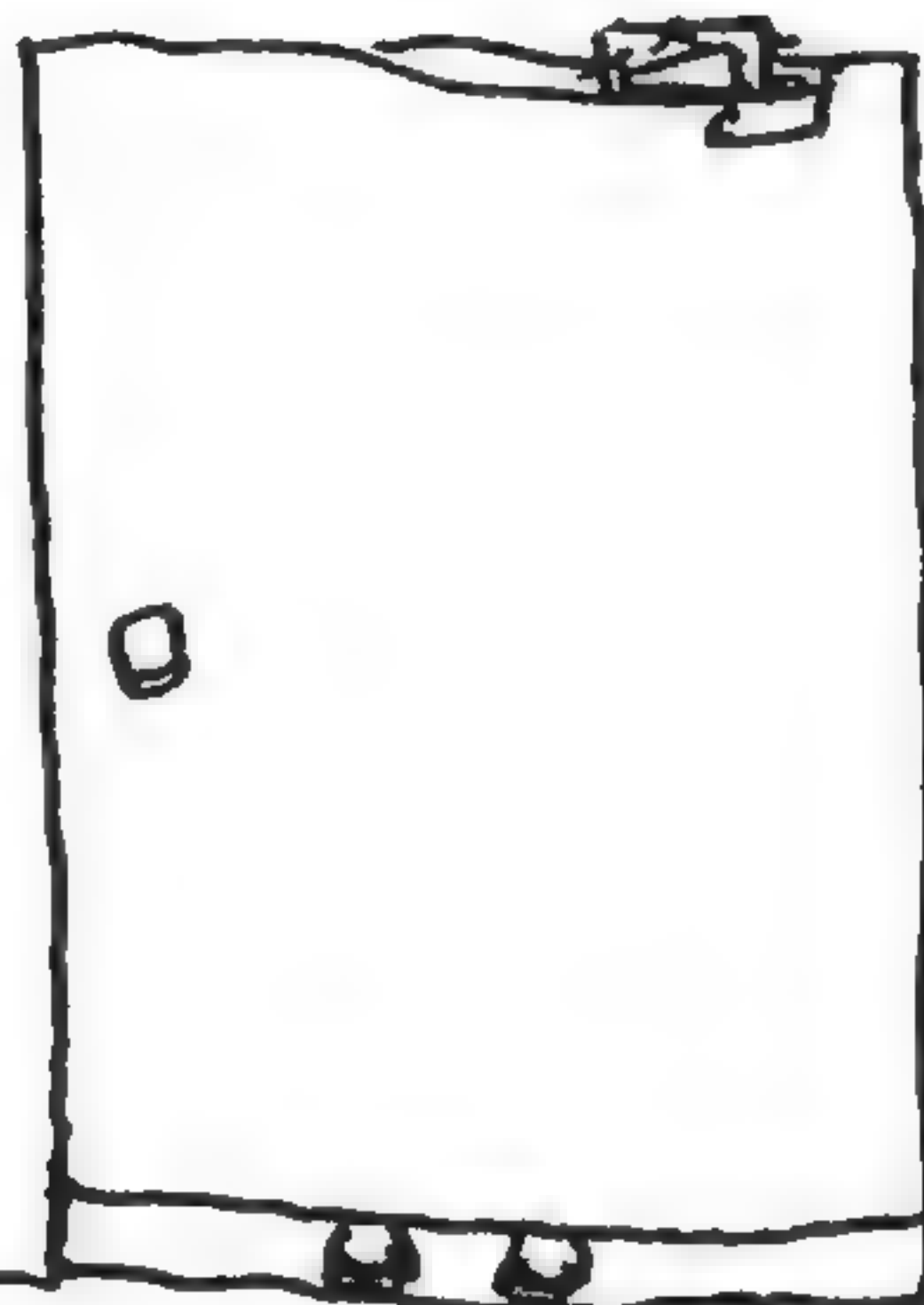
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...PLAYING
A VIDEO
GAME.



ONE NIGHT,
I WAS
STRETCHED
OUT...

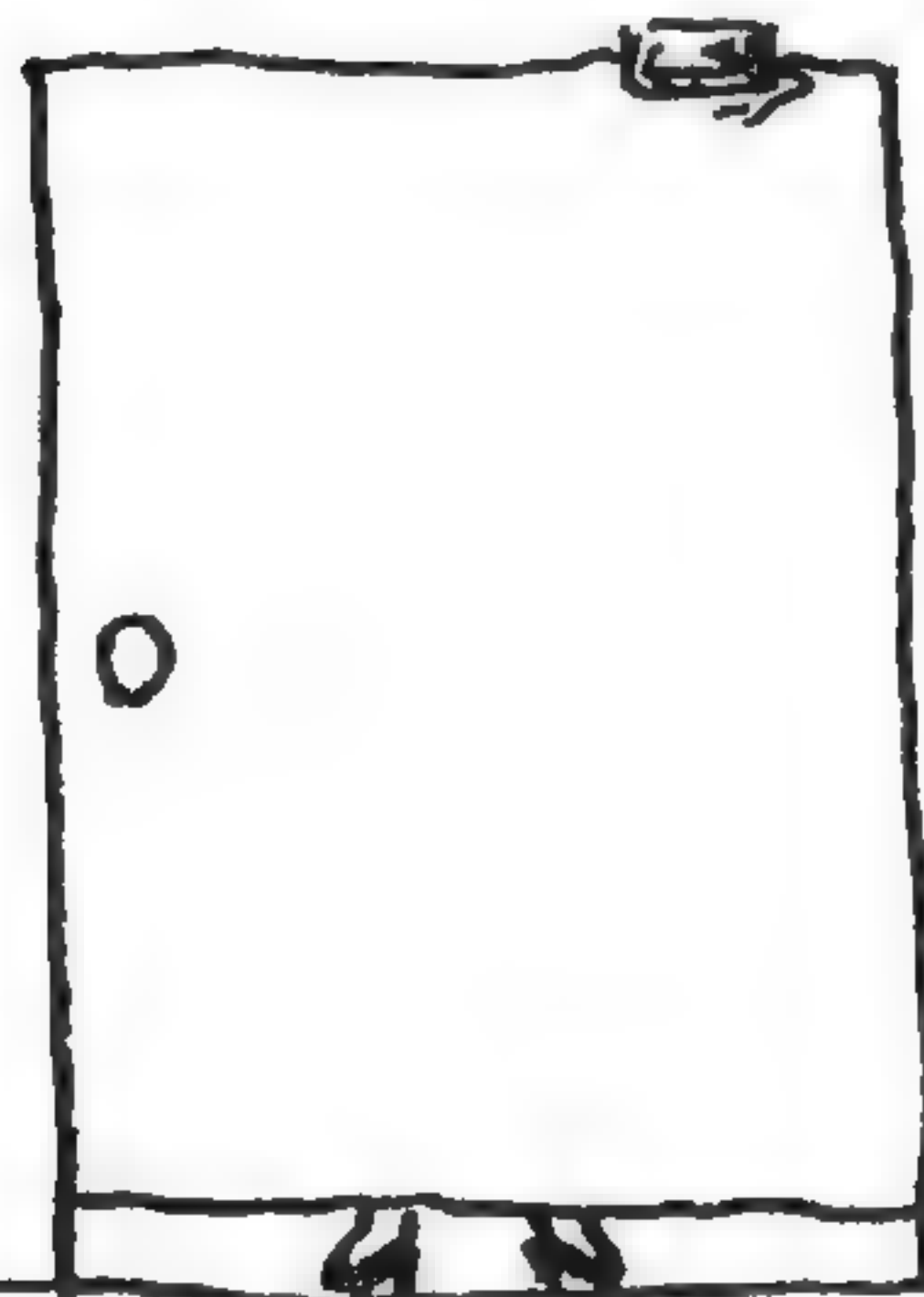
...THE FEET
OF THE
VISITOR.



...THE
ANGLE
I'M AT
ALLOWS
ME TO
SEE...

4 3

...WAIT-
ING...



SOME
ONE'S
THERE...

...AND
TURNED
AROUND.



5

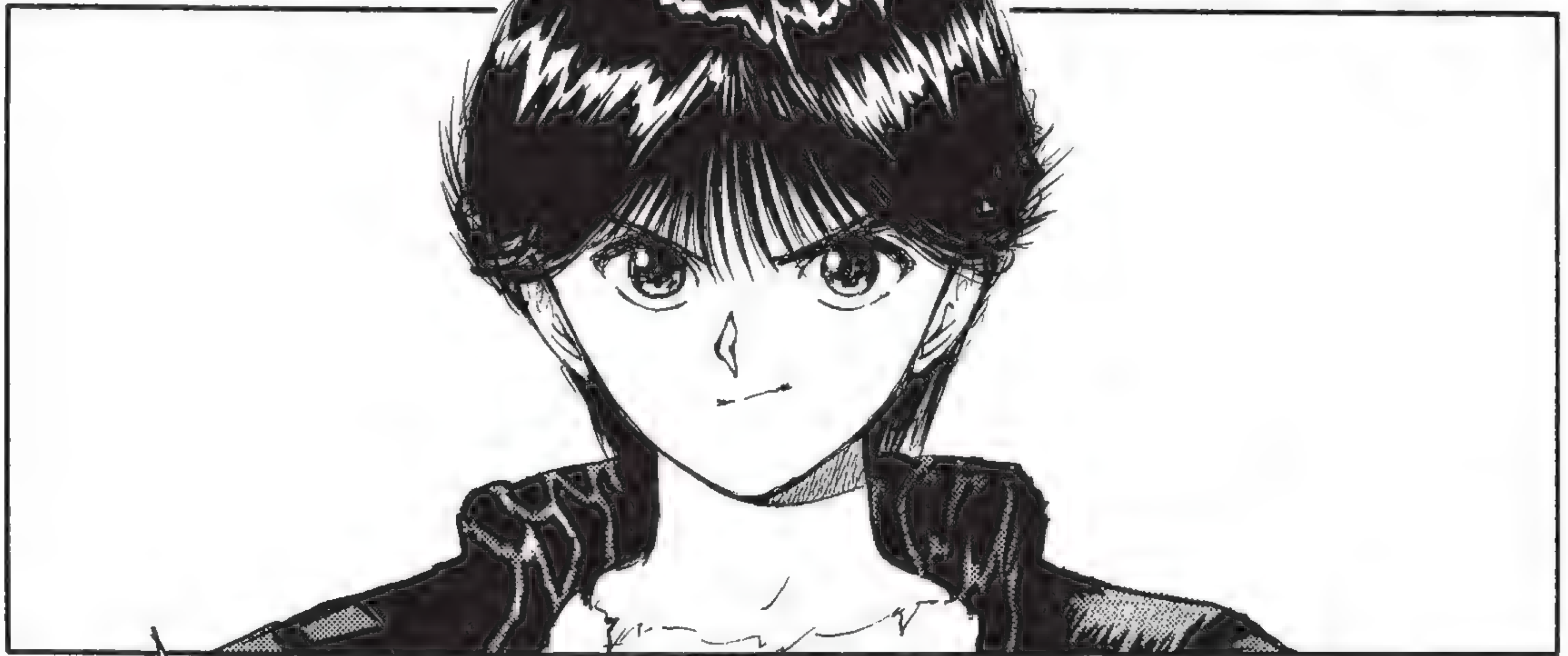


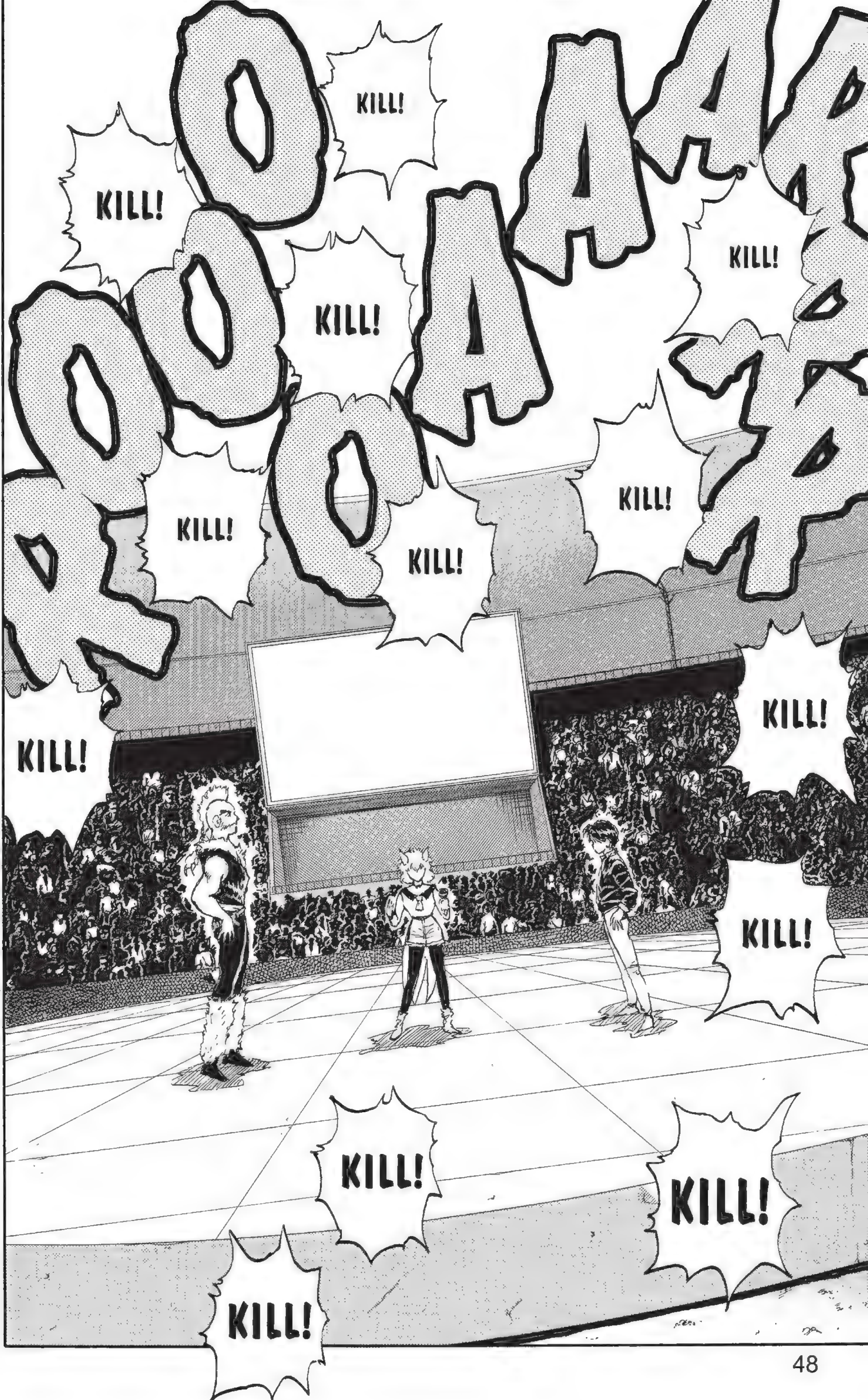
SUDDENLY,
I FELT A
CHILL UP
MY
SPINE...

NOT A TRUE STORY.

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DRUNKEN MASTER: CHU!!





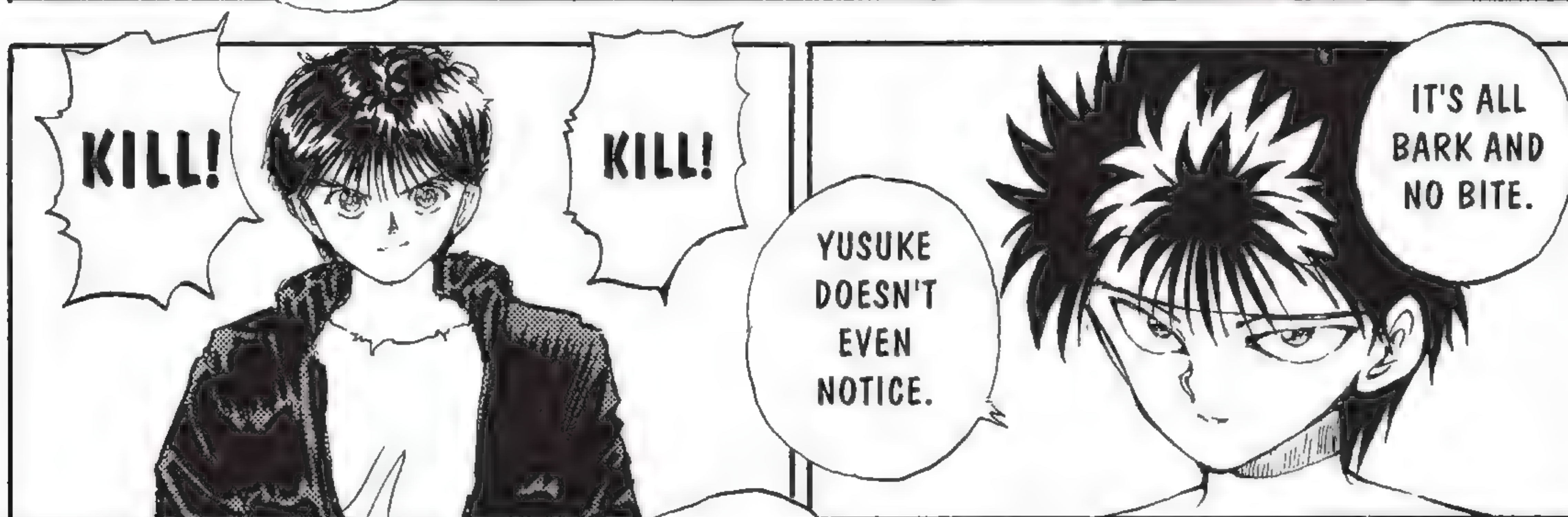
DRUNKEN MASTER: CHU!!





AND CHU'S
AURA JUST
FEELS
CREEPIER AND
CREEPIER...

THEIR
BLOODLUST
IS TRULY
AWAKE NOW!



KILL!

KILL!

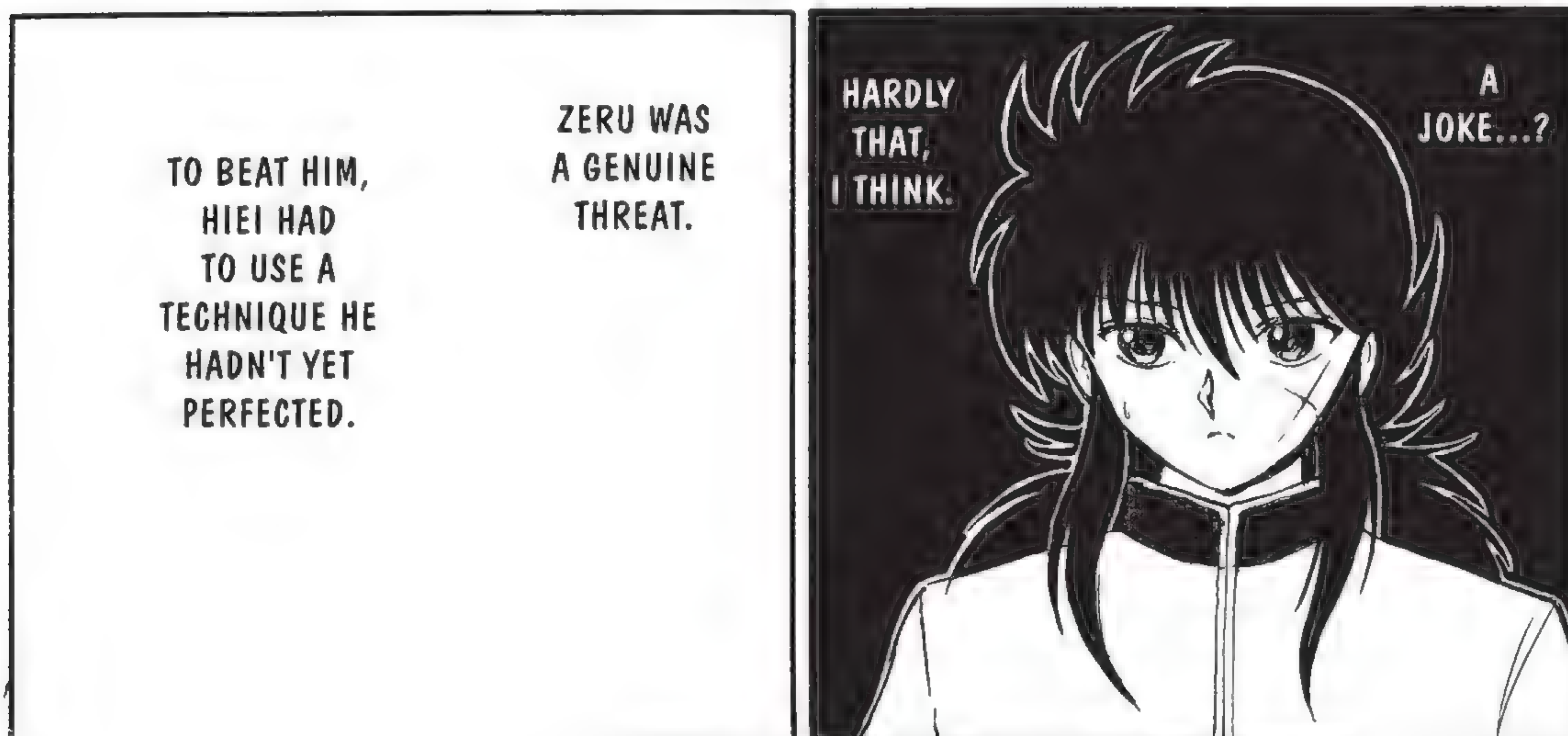
IT'S ALL
BARK AND
NO BITE.

YUSUKE
DOESN'T
EVEN
NOTICE.



WE'RE
KICKIN'
BUTT NOW,
IT'S ALMOST
A JOKE.

YER RIGHT.
HE LOOKS
READY.



TO BEAT HIM,
HIEI HAD
TO USE A
TECHNIQUE HE
HADN'T YET
PERFECTED.

ZERU WAS
A GENUINE
THREAT.

HARDLY
THAT,
I THINK.

A
JOKE...?



HIEI DIDN'T
COME OUT
OF IT
UNSCATHED.

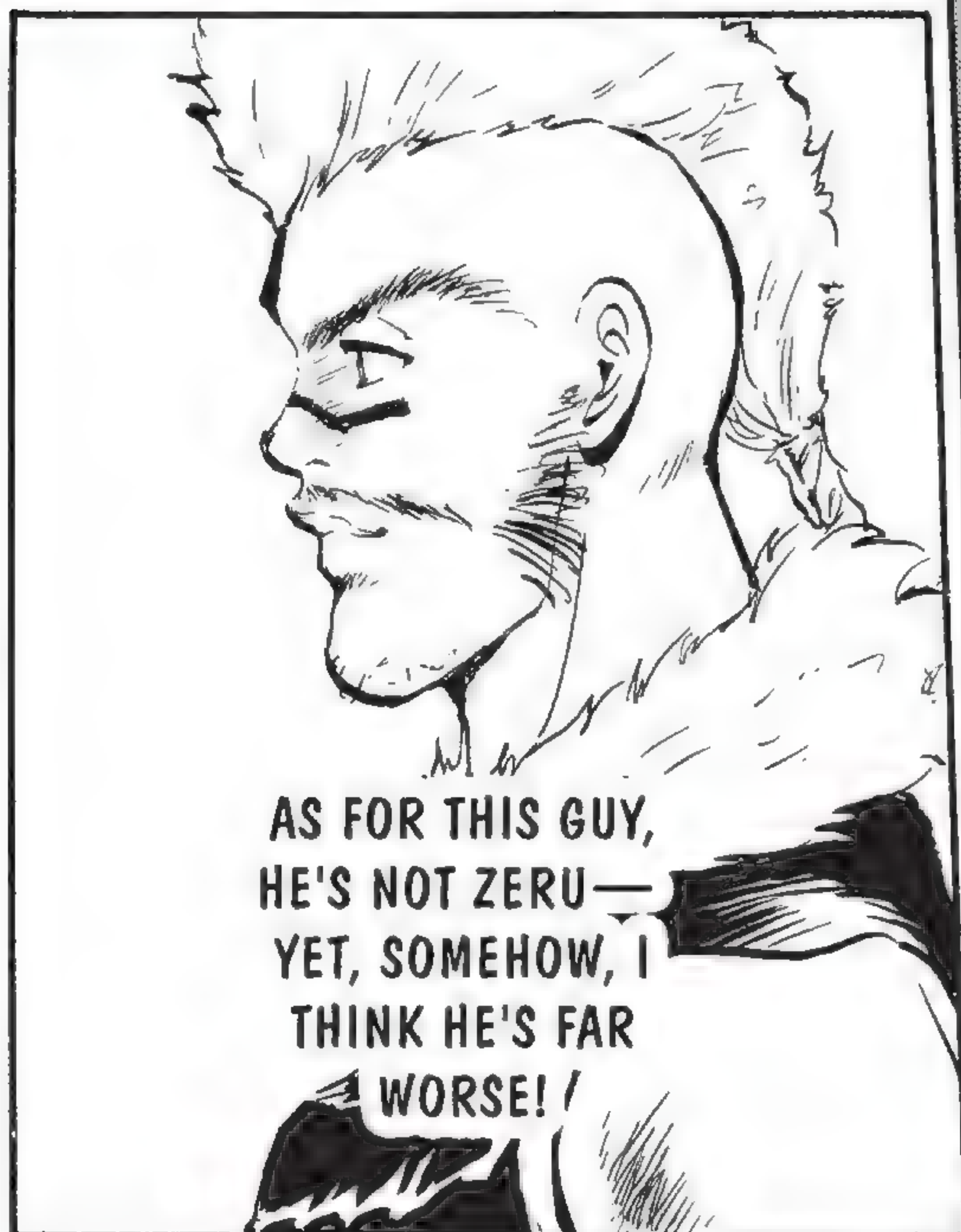
THERE IS
ALWAYS A
PRICE TO PAY
FOR SUCH
DEMONIC
HUBRIS.

ZERU WAS A MASTER
OF FIRE, YET HIEI
SUMMONED FLAMES
FROM HELL THAT
INSTANTLY
INCINERATED HIM.

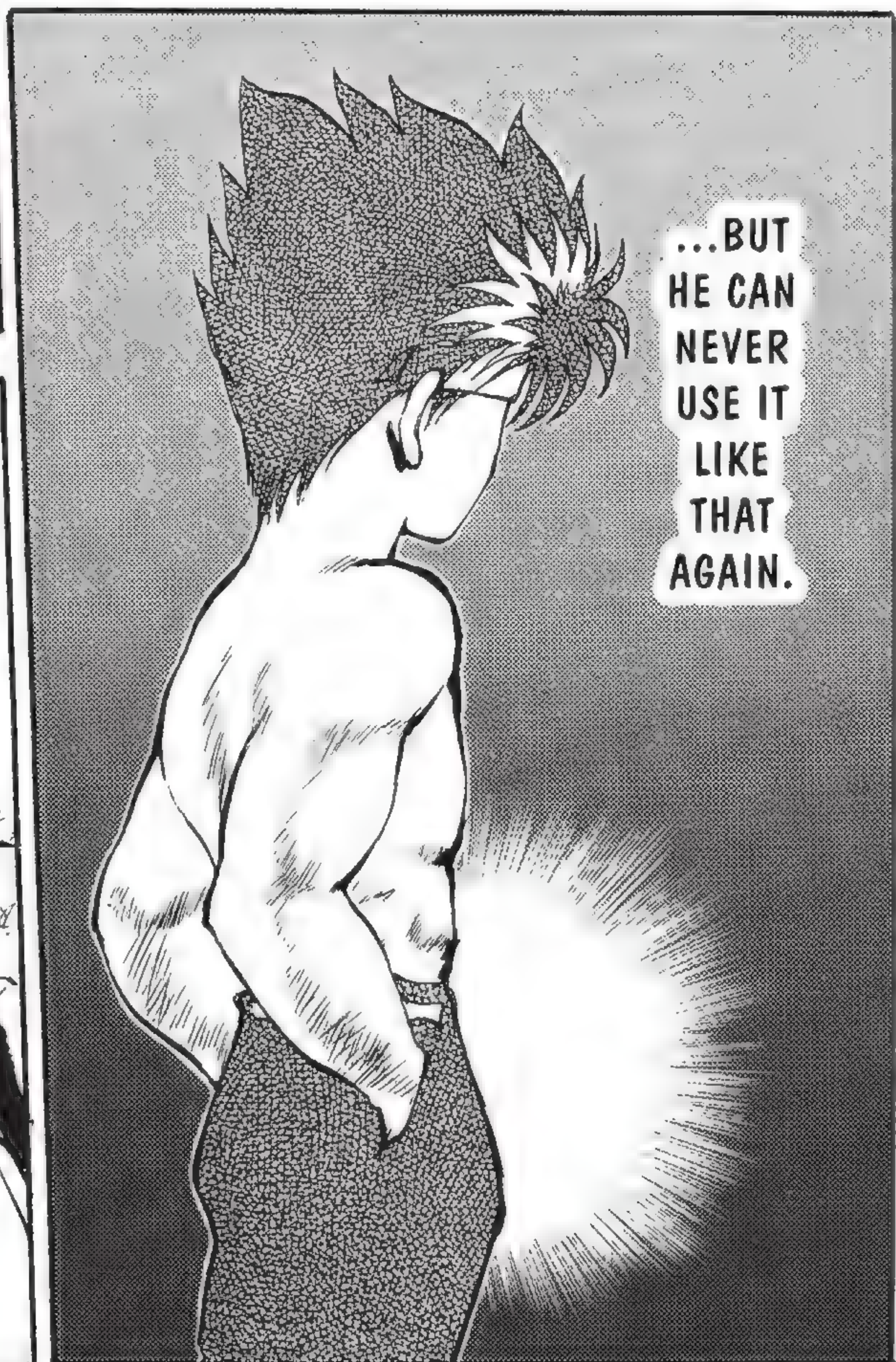


HE'S STILL
GOT THAT
ARM...

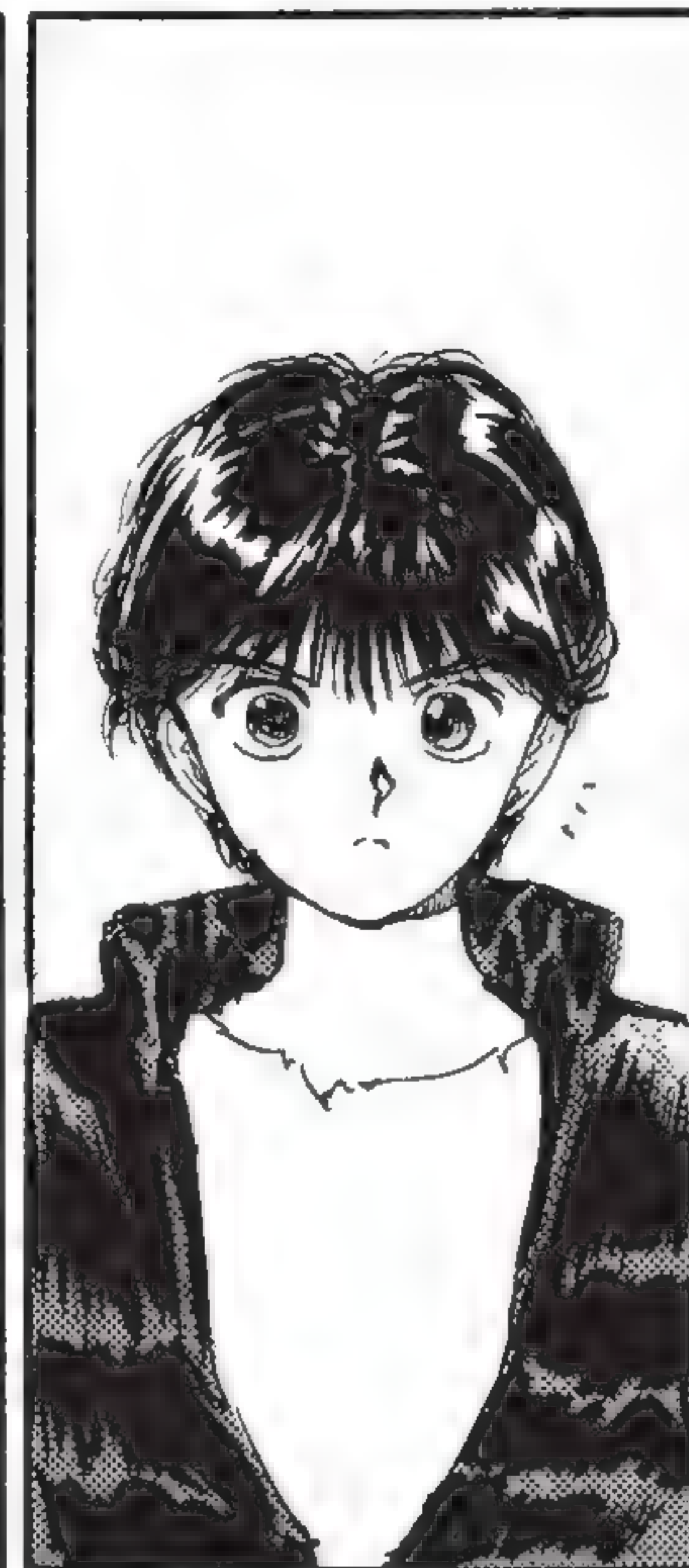
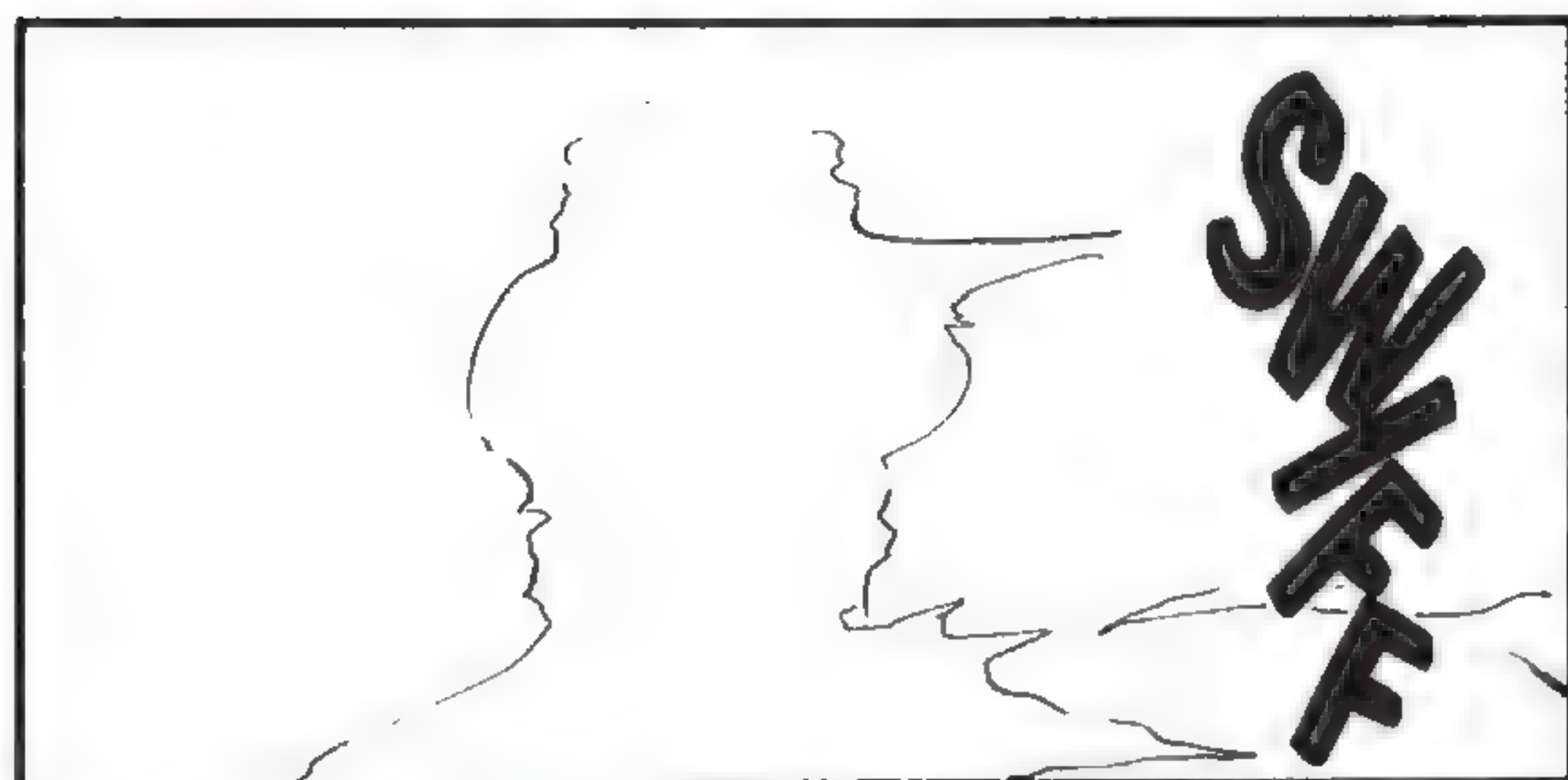
"MY RIGHT ARM
SHOULD BE ENOUGH
TO DO THE JOB."



AS FOR THIS GUY,
HE'S NOT ZERU—
YET, SOMEHOW, I
THINK HE'S FAR
WORSE! /



...BUT
HE CAN
NEVER
USE IT
LIKE
THAT
AGAIN.





AND IT
AIN'TT' ...ONE
SAY, THING
"CAN I PERFEC'LY
CALL YOU CLEAR!!
'BRO'?"

BEFORE
THE FIGHT...
I WANNA
MAKE...



SO DON' GO
THINKIN' I'M
SUM KINDA
LIGHTWEIGHT!

I LOST AT
ROCK-PAPER-
SCISSORS!!

SNAP



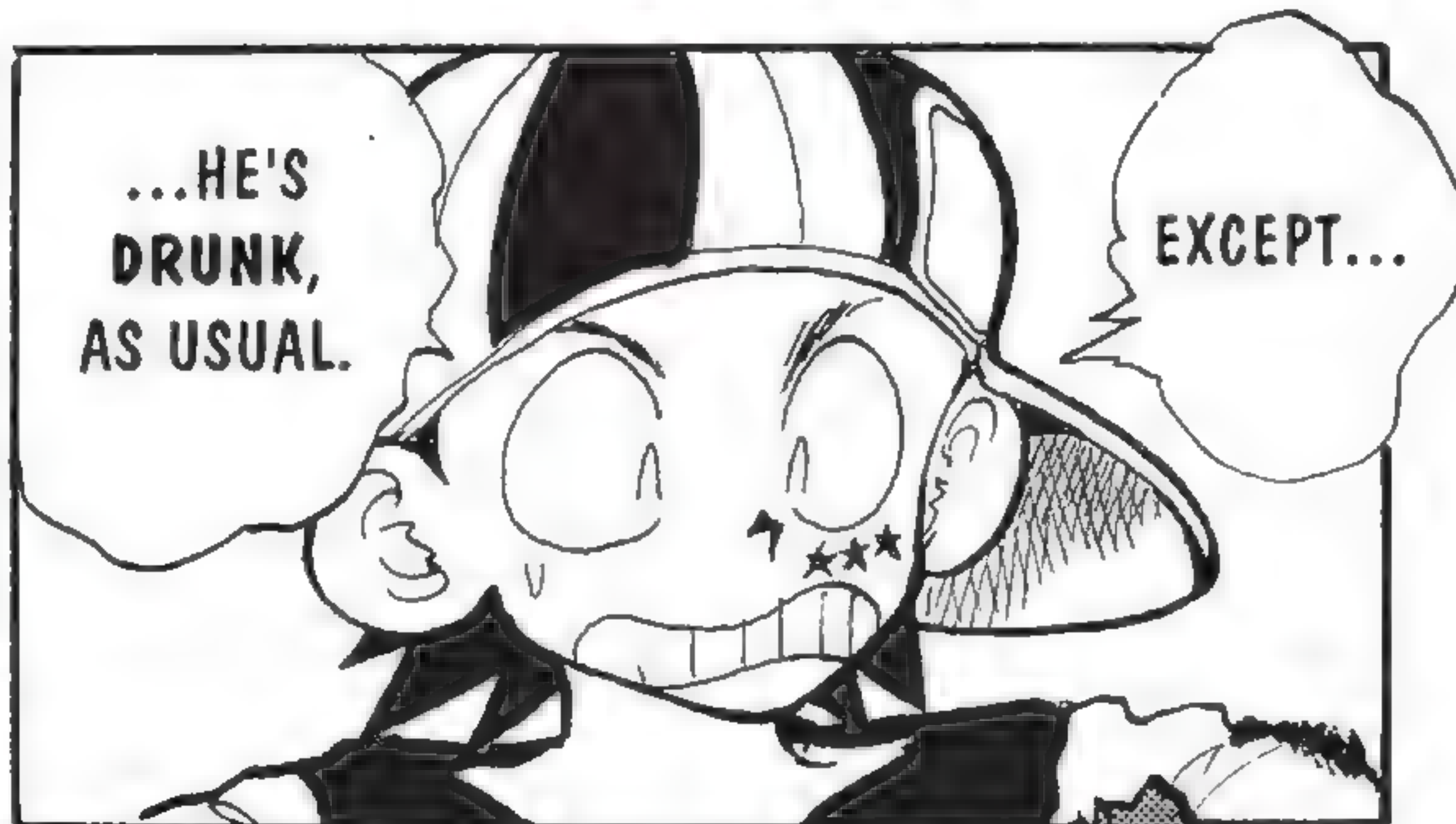
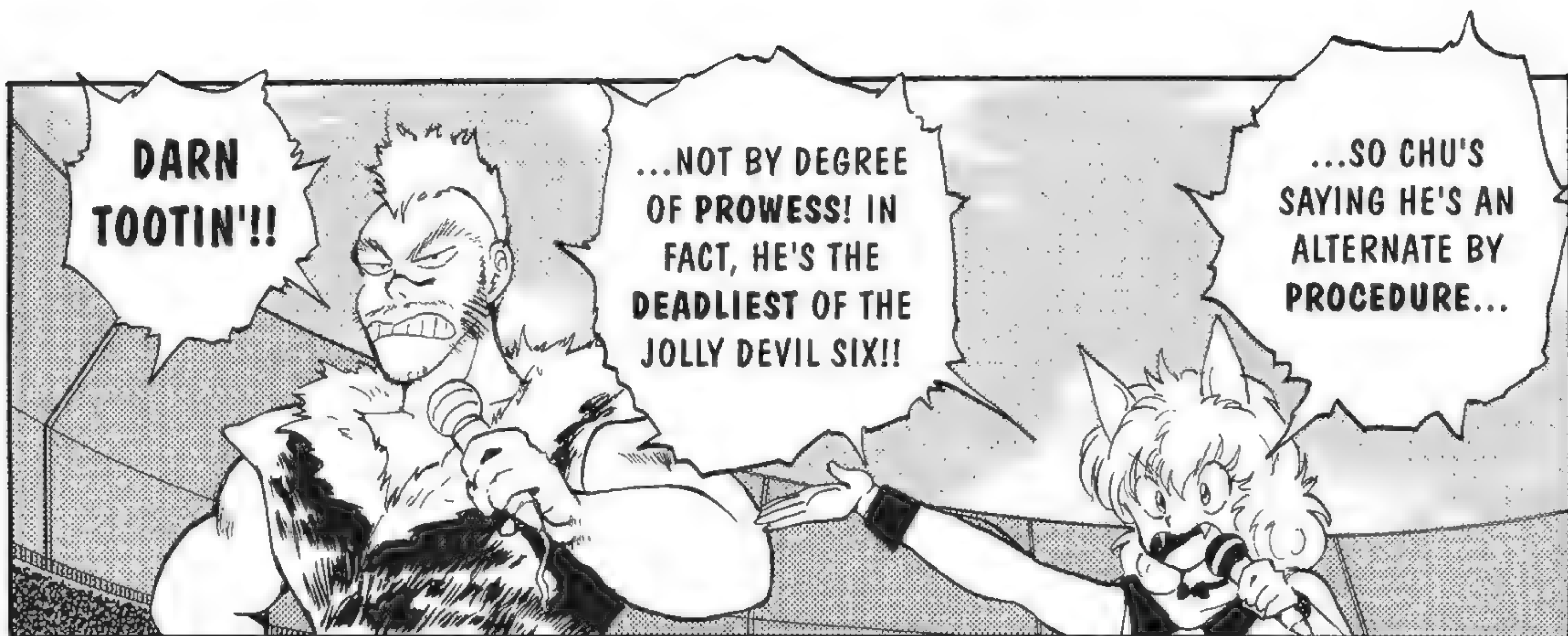
I'LL
EXPLAIN
THAT!

AHEM!

THE JOLLY DEVIL
SIX DECIDED THEIR
FIGHT ORDER AND
THEIR ALTERNATE
BY ROCK-PAPER-
SCISSORS...

VIP







MY UNSTEADY
MOVES MAKE MY
ENEMIES THINK I
AIN'T ALL THERE!!
SO DON' BE TAKEN
IN, GET ME?!

THE DRUNKER
I AM, THE
STRONGER I
GITS!!



...BUT
HEY...

RIGHT...



ACK!
HOPE-
LESS!!

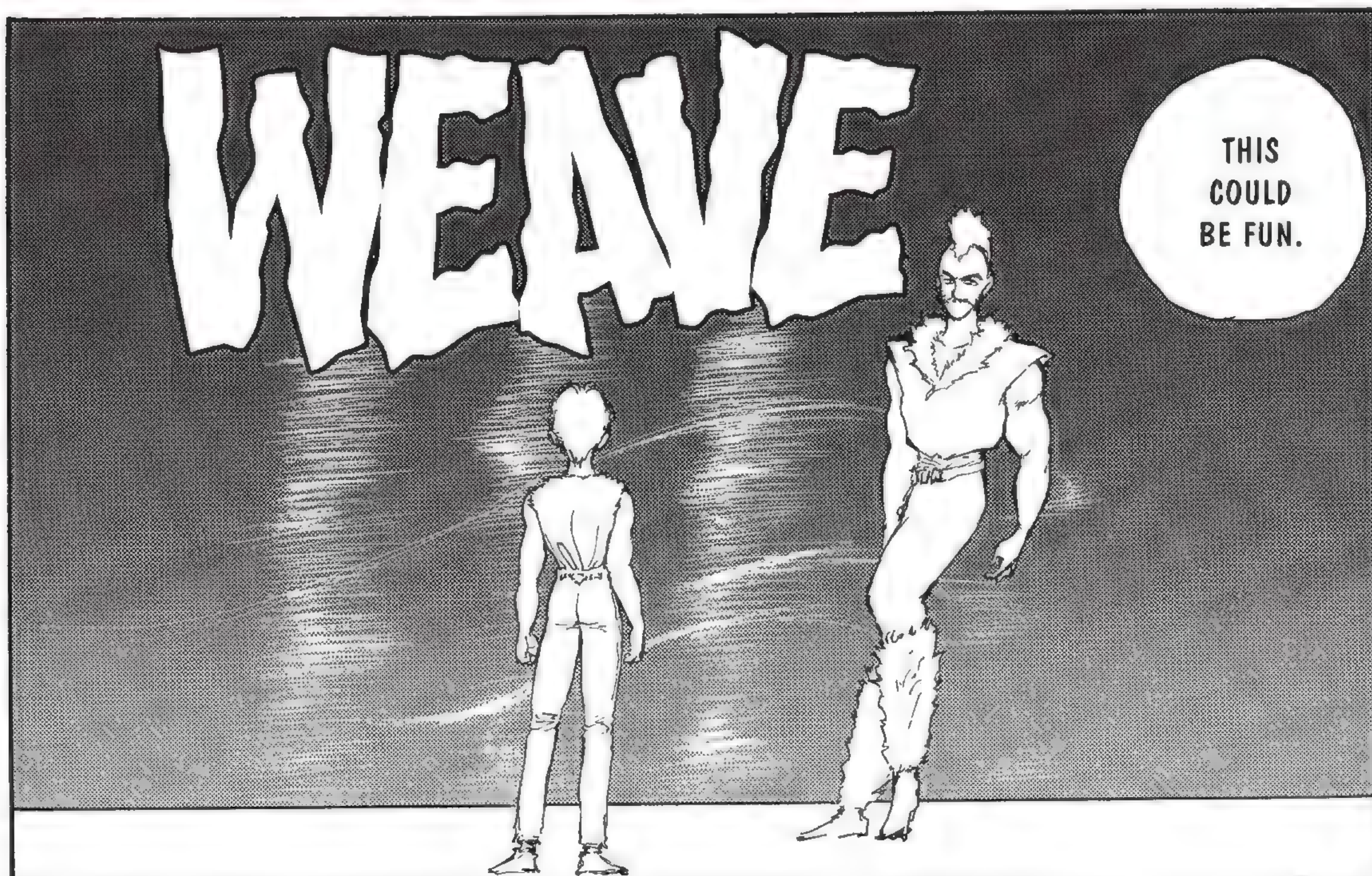


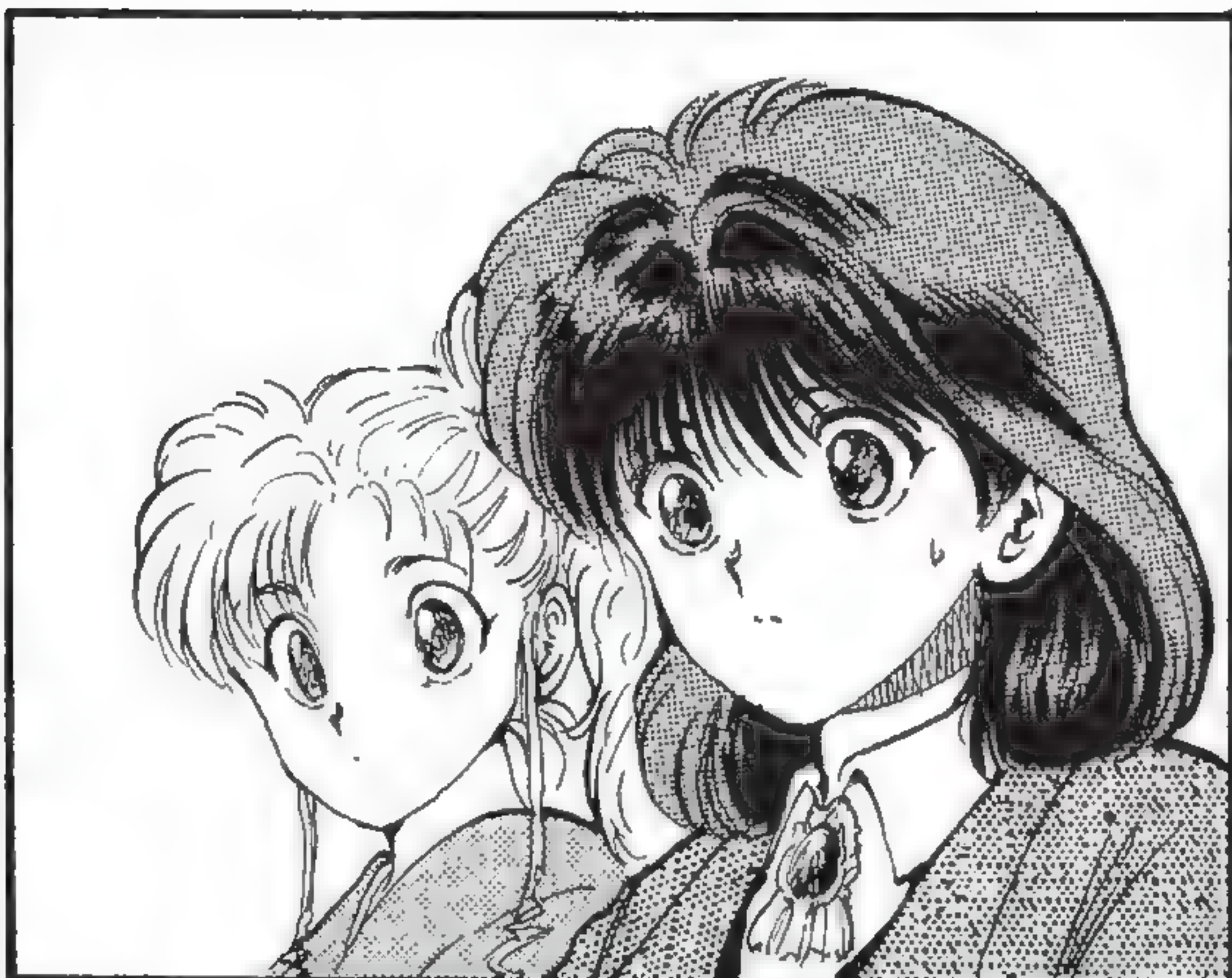
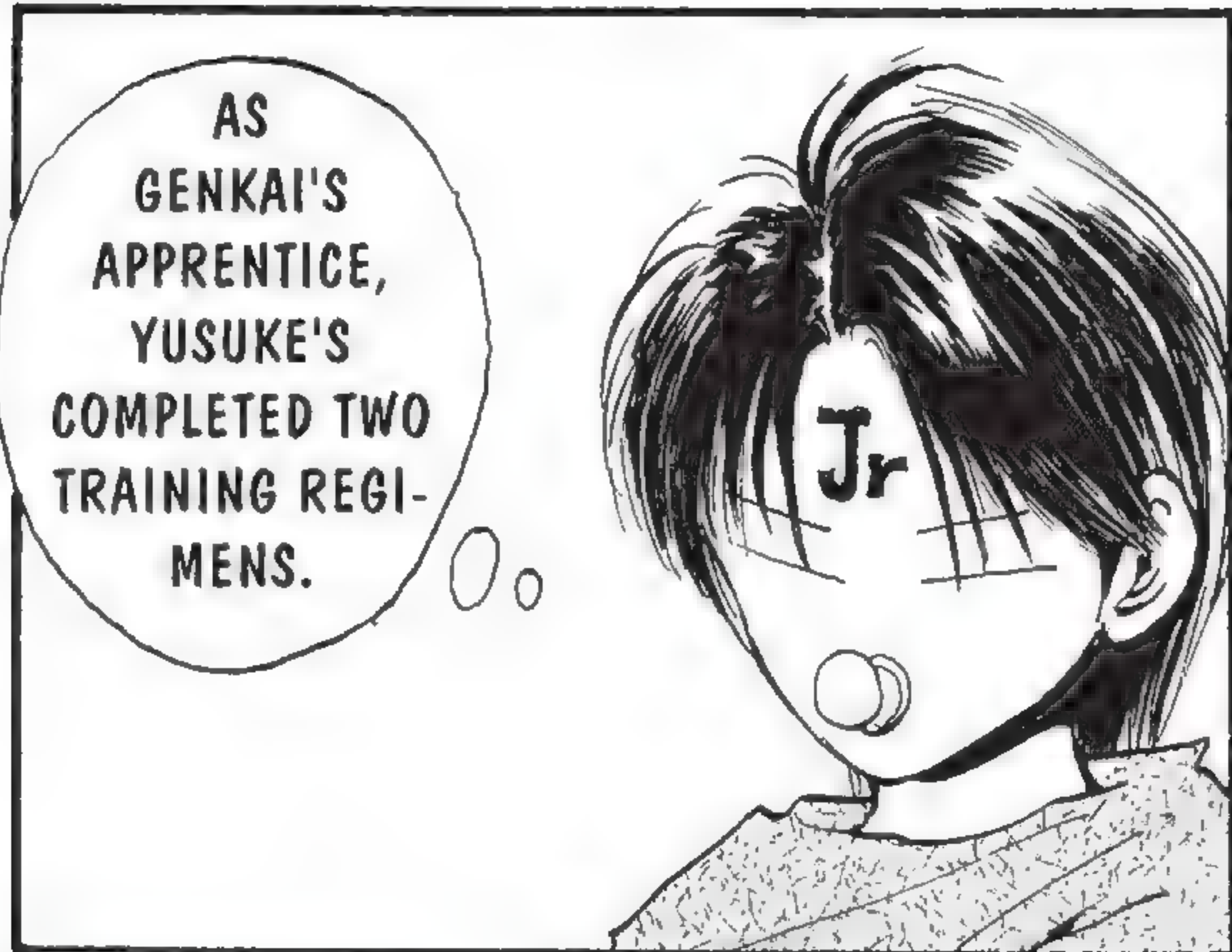
YOU'VE
GOT SOMETHING
SPECIAL
UP YOUR
SLEEVE.

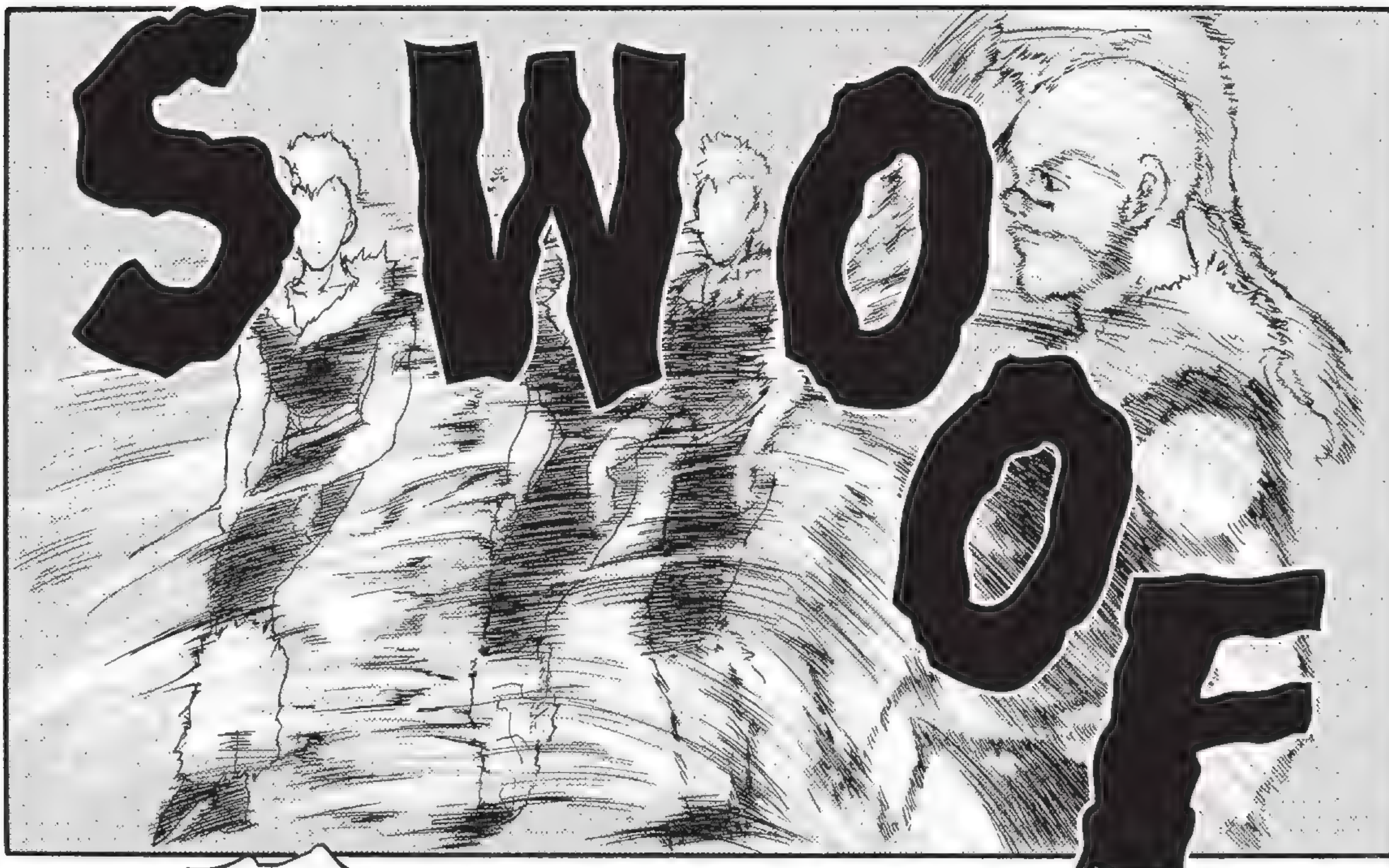
...THE
DRUNKEN FIST
AIN'T NO BIG
SHAKES.



OTHERWISE THIS
FIGHT WOULD
HARDLY BE
WORTH THE
TROUBLE, EH?





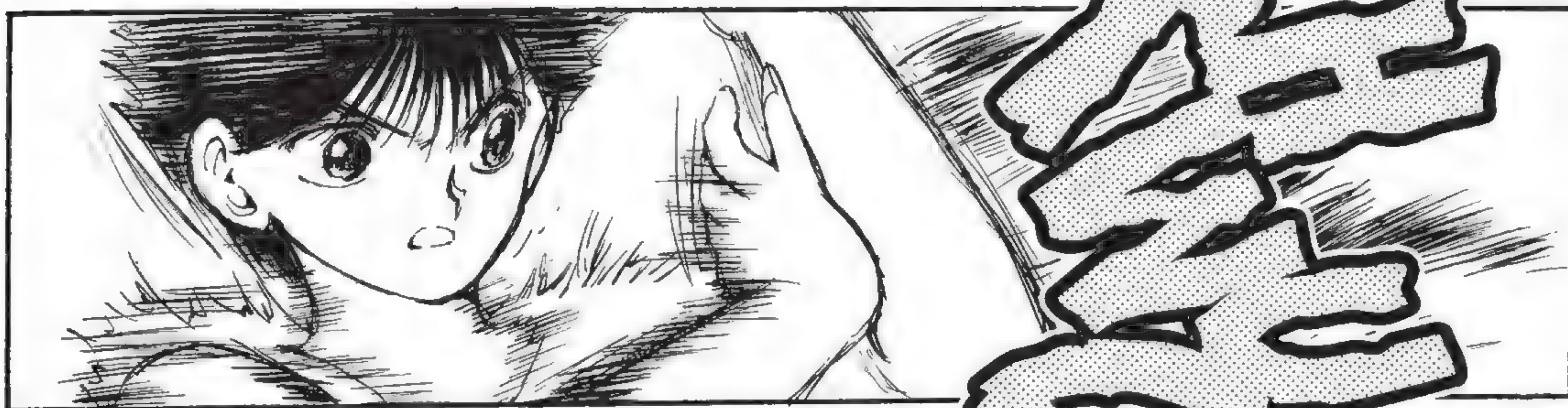


HE APPEARS SELF-
TAUGHT, BUT THAT'S
NO DISRESPECT TO
HIS SKILL!!
HE'LL BE HARD
TO FOLLOW!



HE DOESN'T
MOVE...
HE GLIDES!!



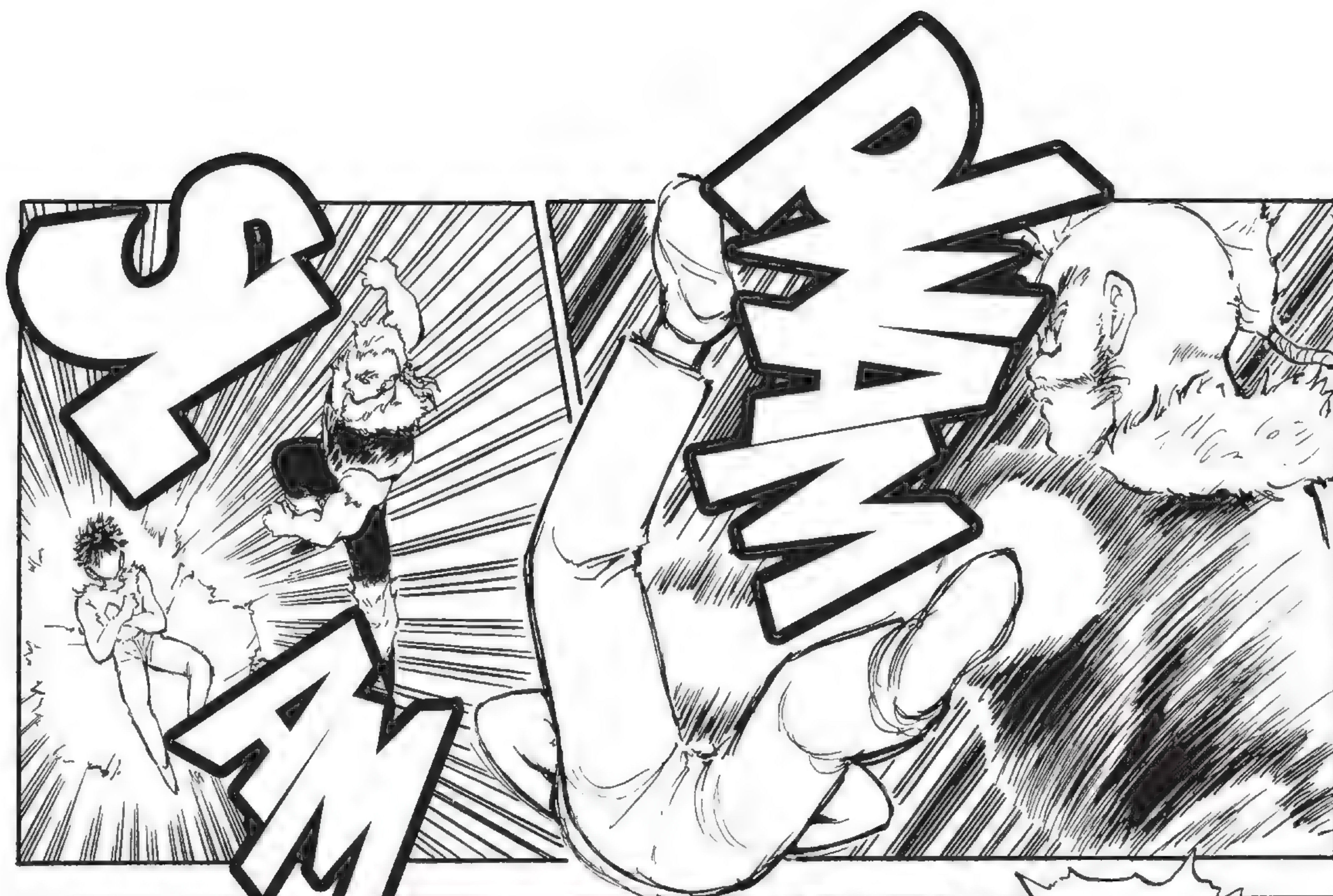




FIVE
BLOWS
AT ONCE!

!!
FIVE
FIVE
FIVE

BOOM



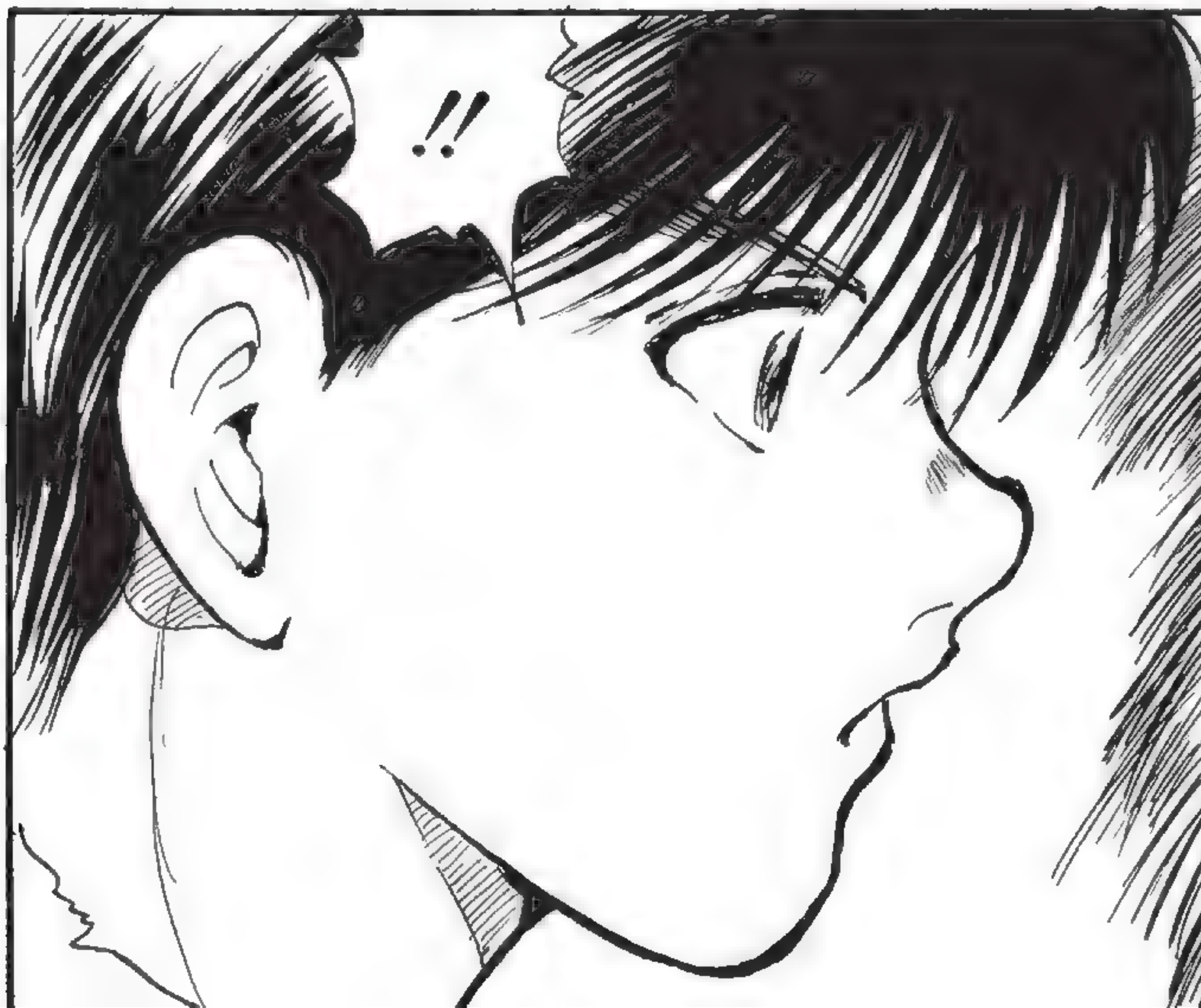
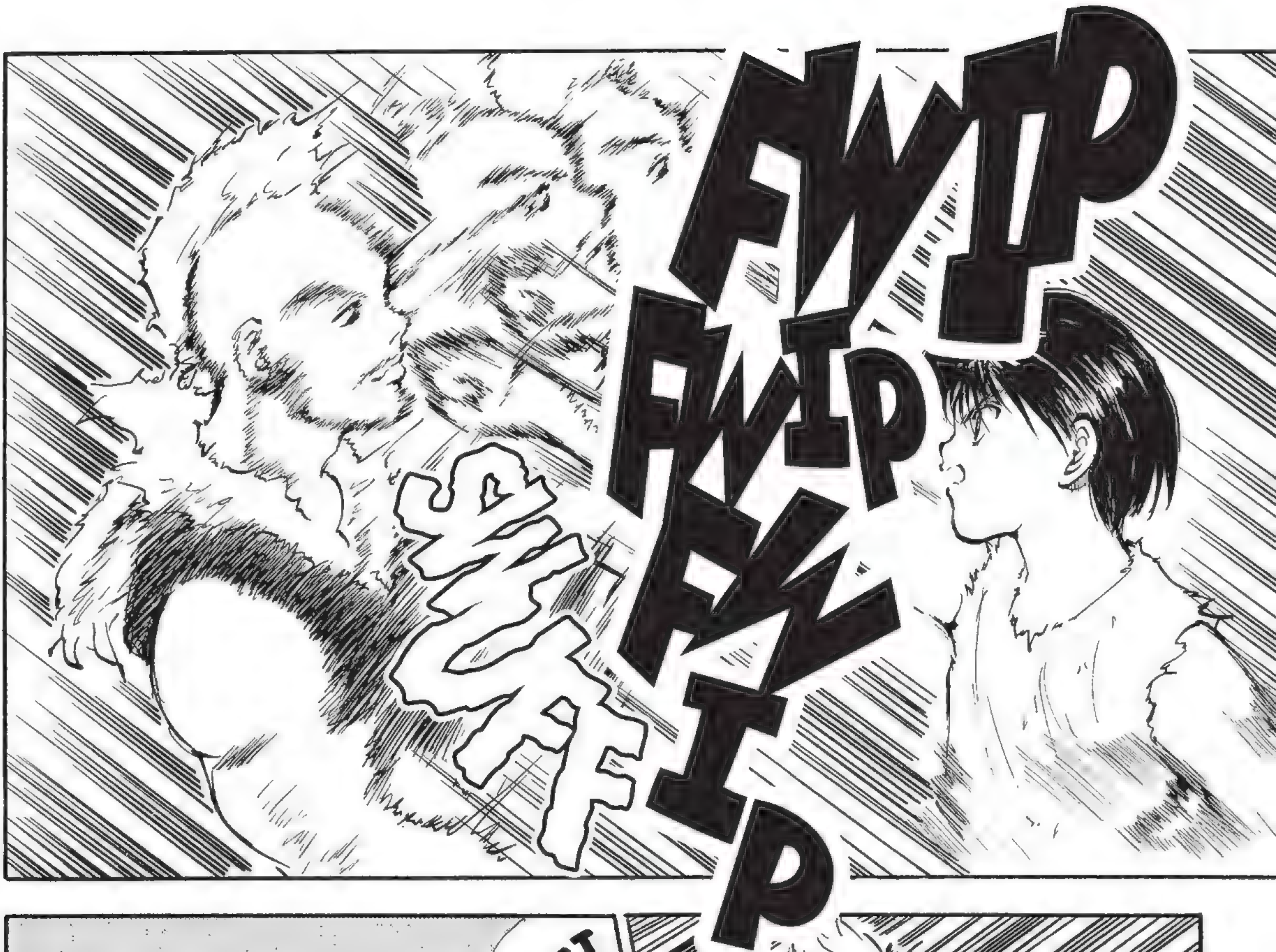
CHU'S
APPEARANCE
SERIOUSLY
BELIES HIS
ABILITY!

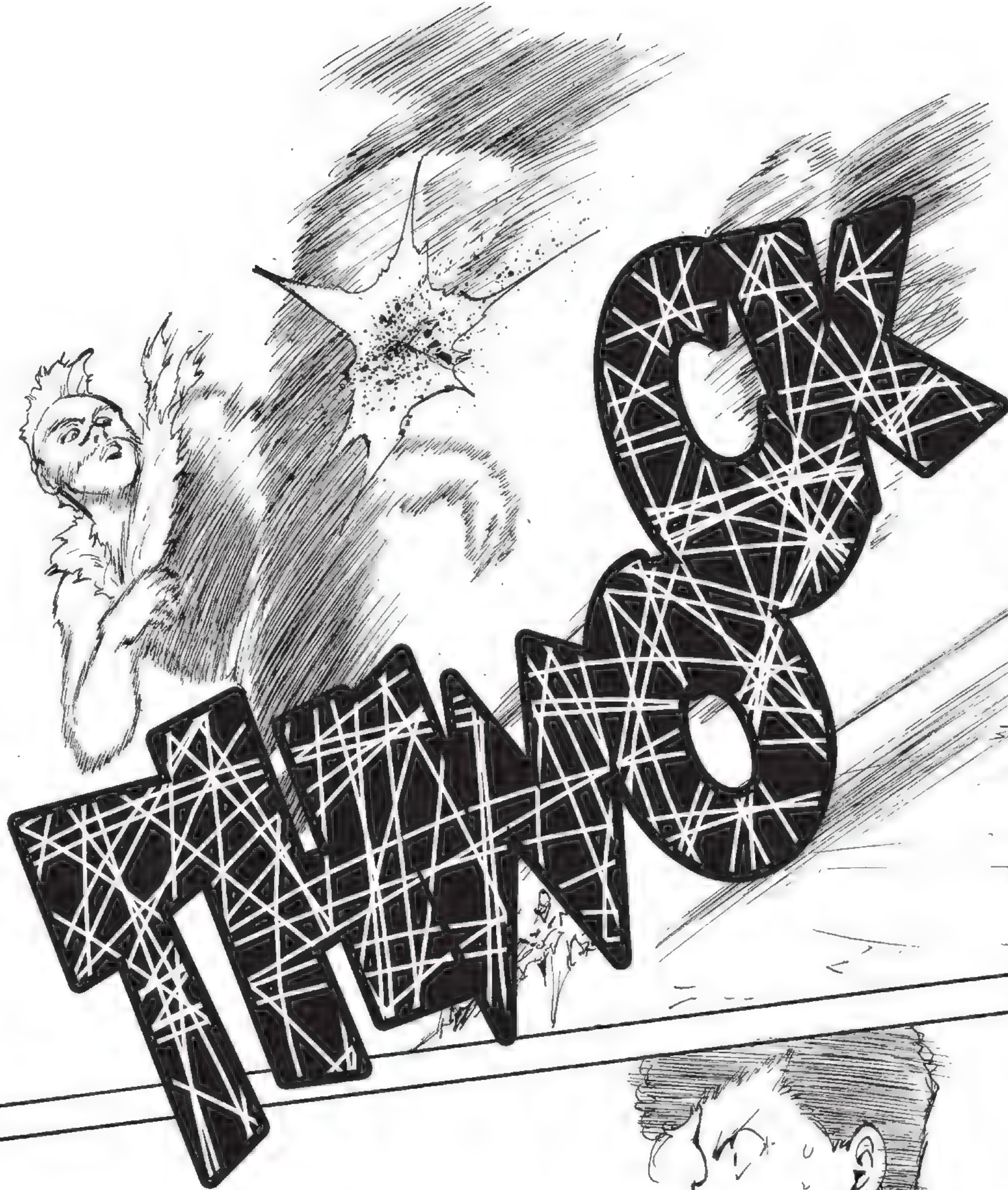


HE HAD NO
CHANCE TO
STRIKE
BACK!



HMM...?







A BRILLIANTLY
EXECUTED
COMBO! EVEN
I'M AT A LOSS
FOR WORDS TO
DESCRIBE IT!!

HIC...

WOW!

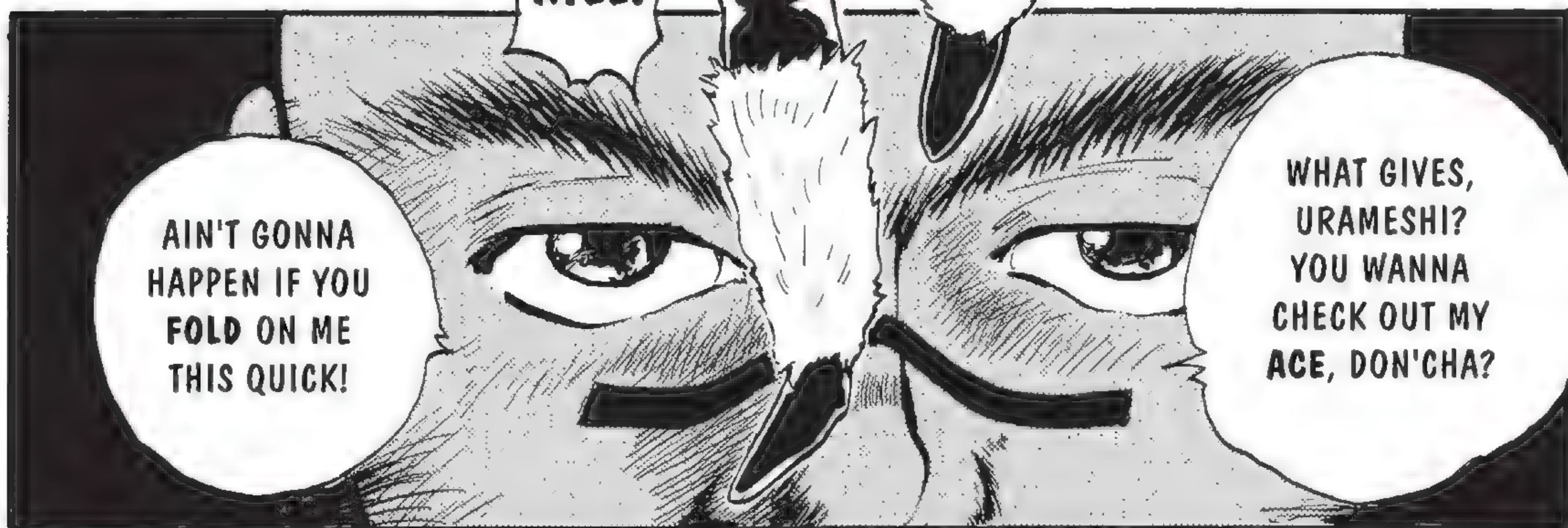
AMAZING!

URAMESHI WAS
CAUGHT BY
SURPRISE AND
SKITTERED OUT
OF BOUNDS!!

KILL!

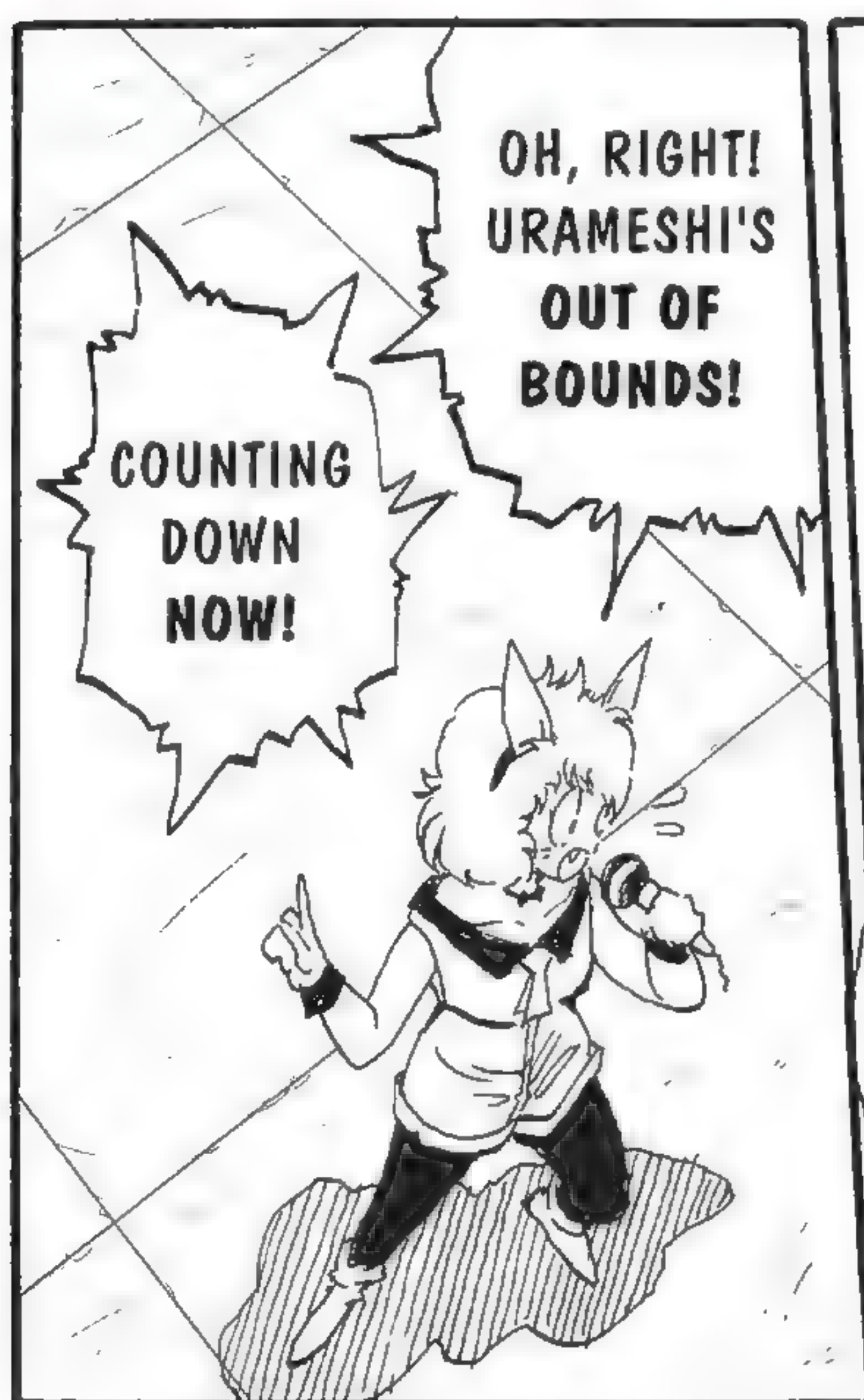
KILL!

KILL!



AIN'T GONNA
HAPPEN IF YOU
FOLD ON ME
THIS QUICK!

WHAT GIVES,
URAMESHI?
YOU WANNA
CHECK OUT MY
ACE, DON'CHA?



OH, RIGHT!
URAMESHI'S
OUT OF
BOUNDS!

COUNTING
DOWN
NOW!

CHU'S PIVOT
FOOT DRILLED A
HOLE IN THE
STONE FLOOR!

THAT KICK
HADDA BE
10,000 TIMES
FIERCER THAN
RINKU'S!



KILL
'IM
DEAD!

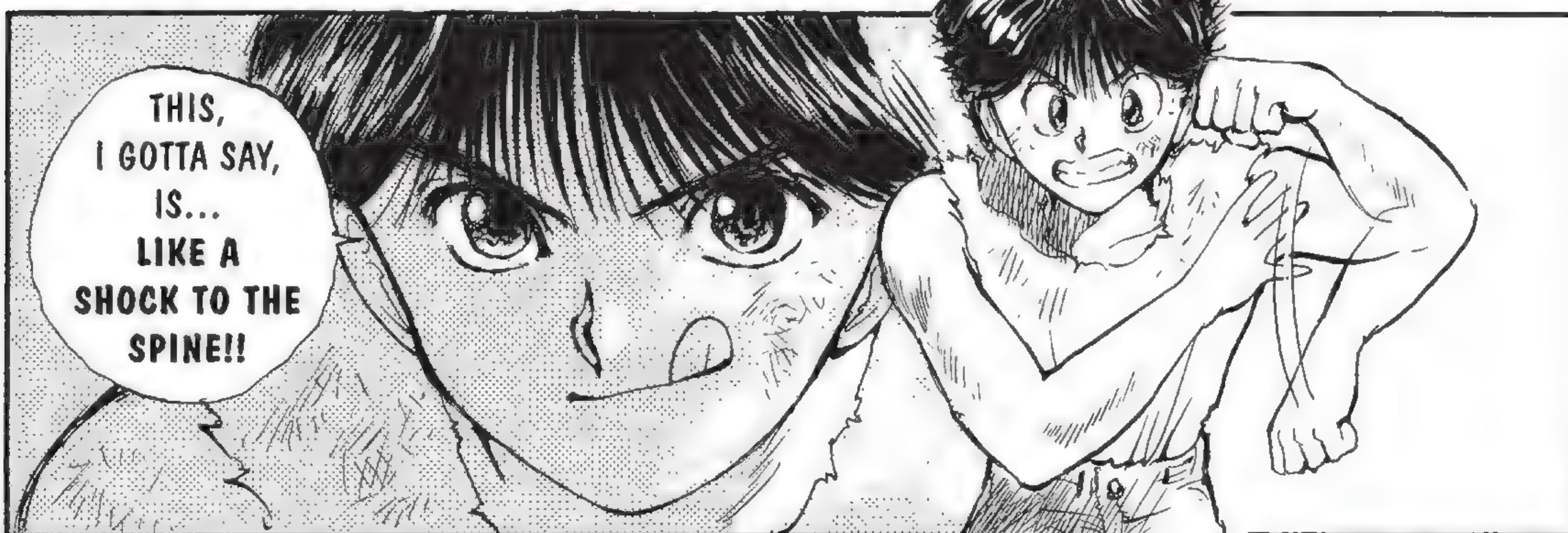
KILL!



SHOW THEM
WIMPS WHAT
YOU'RE MADE
OF, SON!!

YEAH,
BABY!!

WHEW!
THAT KICK
WOULD'VE
SHATTERED ME
IF I HADN'T
BLOCKED IT!



SURE
DO.

BET YOU
FEEL IT,
TOO!



TRUE STORY! THIS ISN'T FUNNY.
IT REALLY HAPPENED.



UNFOR-
TUNATELY, IT
WAS A HOT
SEPTEMBER
NIGHT, SO I'D
LEFT THE
FRONT DOOR
OPEN.

GIMME A
BREAK!

4 1



2 A.M.: I'M
WATCHING A
VIDEO OF "TALES
OF THE
SUPERNATURAL!"

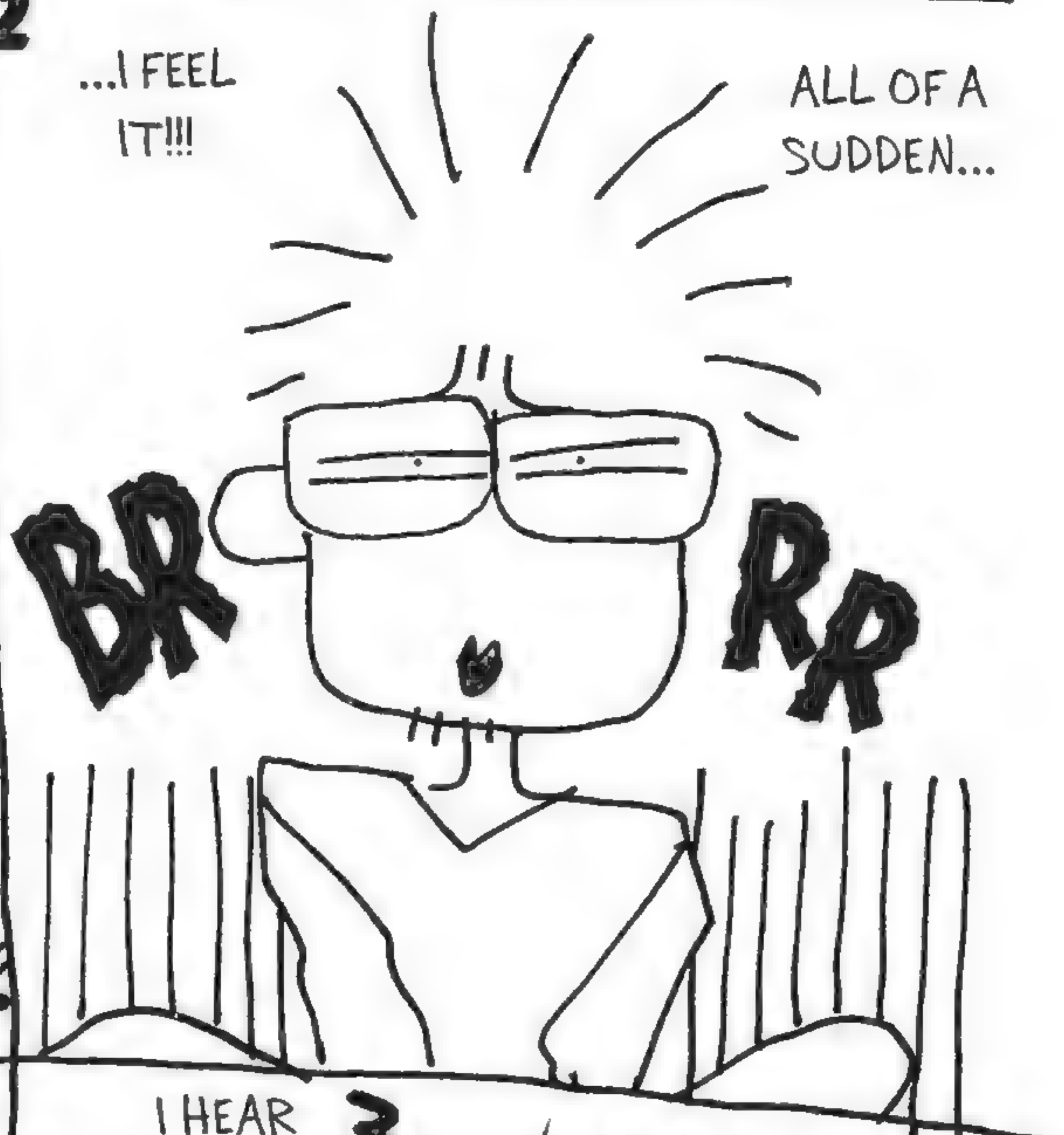
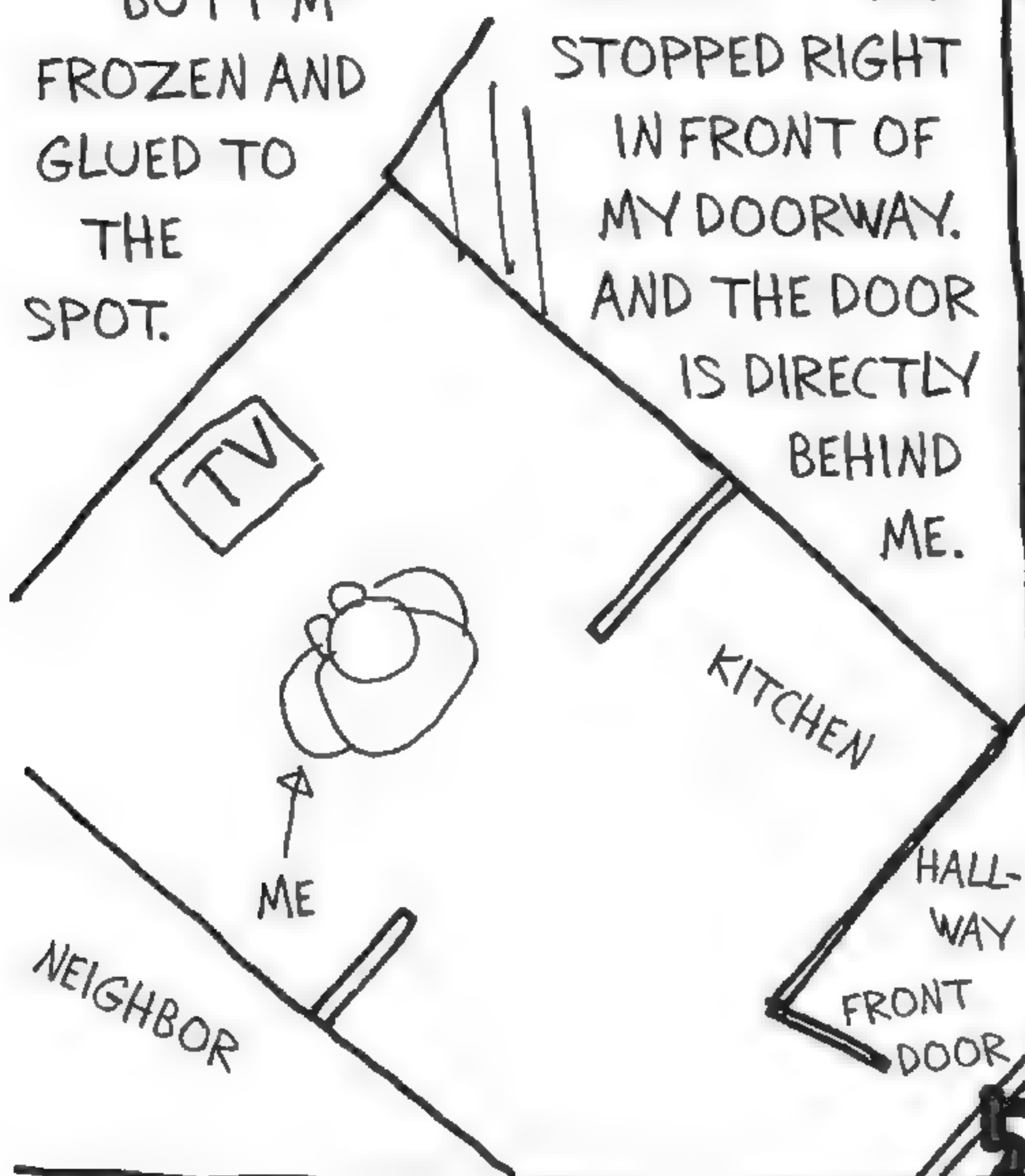
BUT I'M
FROZEN AND
GLUED TO
THE
SPOT.

I KNOW "IT" HAS
STOPPED RIGHT
IN FRONT OF
MY DOORWAY.
AND THE DOOR
IS DIRECTLY
BEHIND
ME.

2

...I FEEL
IT!!!

ALL OF A
SUDDEN...



THE PROOF?
THE GOLDFISH IS
SPLASHING IN
ITS BOWL BY THE
DOOR AND
BEGGING
FOR FOOD
(WHICH IT
ONLY DOES
WHEN
SOMEONE'S
THERE).



SOMEONE IS
OBVIOUSLY
STANDING
AT THE
ENTRANCE.

6

I HEAR
SOMEONE
WALKING UP THE
APARTMENT
STAIRS.
REMEMBER,
THIS IS 2
IN THE
MORNING...

3

KLANG...

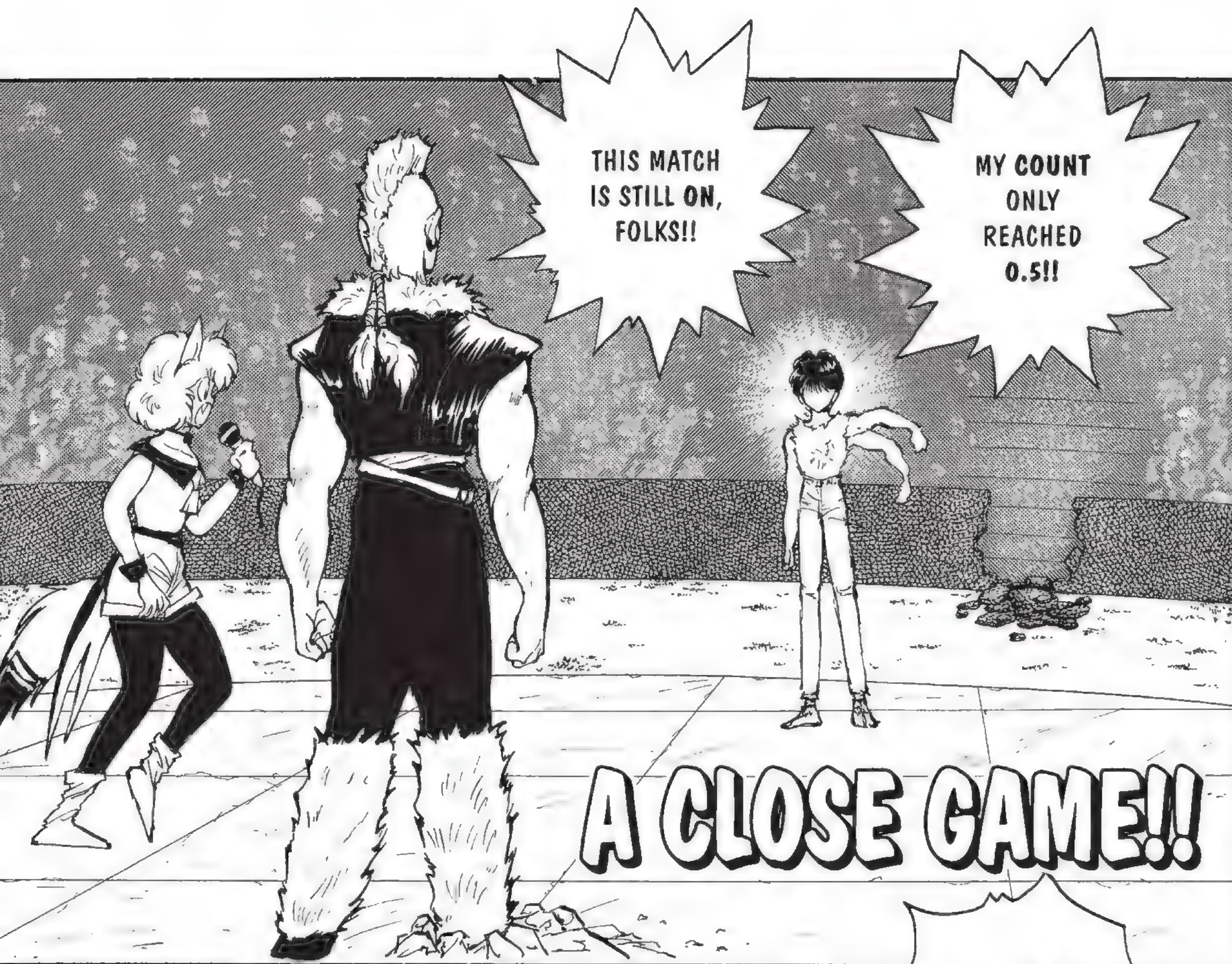
KLANG...

KLANG...

BR

RR

TO BE CONTINUED...



THIS MATCH
IS STILL ON,
FOLKS!!

MY COUNT
ONLY
REACHED
0.5!!

A CLOSE GAME!!

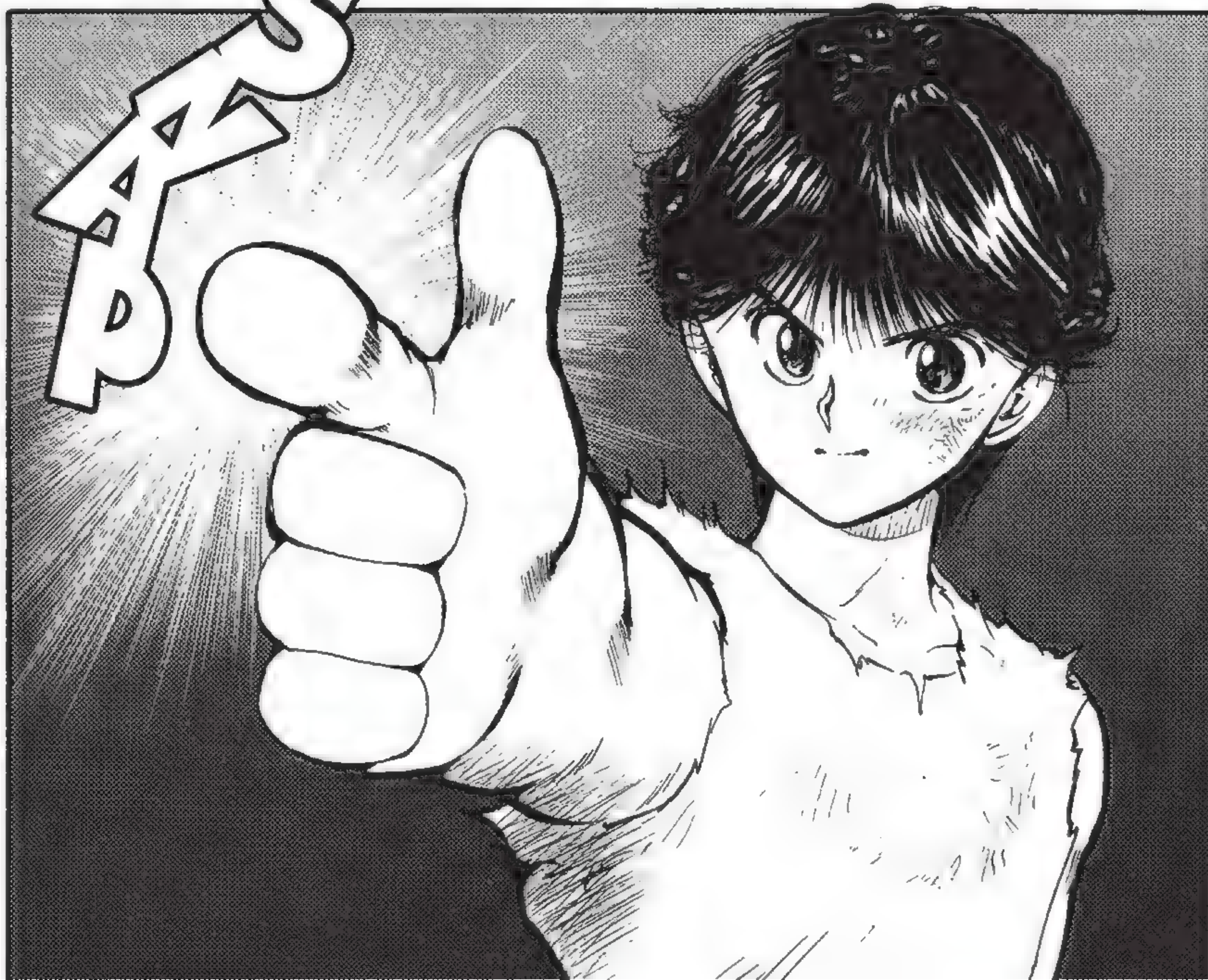


YEAH!
HE CAN
HANDLE
THIS GUY!!

MAN, OH MAN!
HE BLOCKED
THAT KICK WITH
ONE ARM!!



?







MY LIMIT SEEMS
TO BE FOUR
SHOTS A DAY, SO
I HAVE JUST
THREE LEFT...

...THOUGH
EACH WILL
HAVE MORE
AURA FORCE
THAN THE LAST.

THIS IS MY
SPECIALTY—
THE
REIGUN!



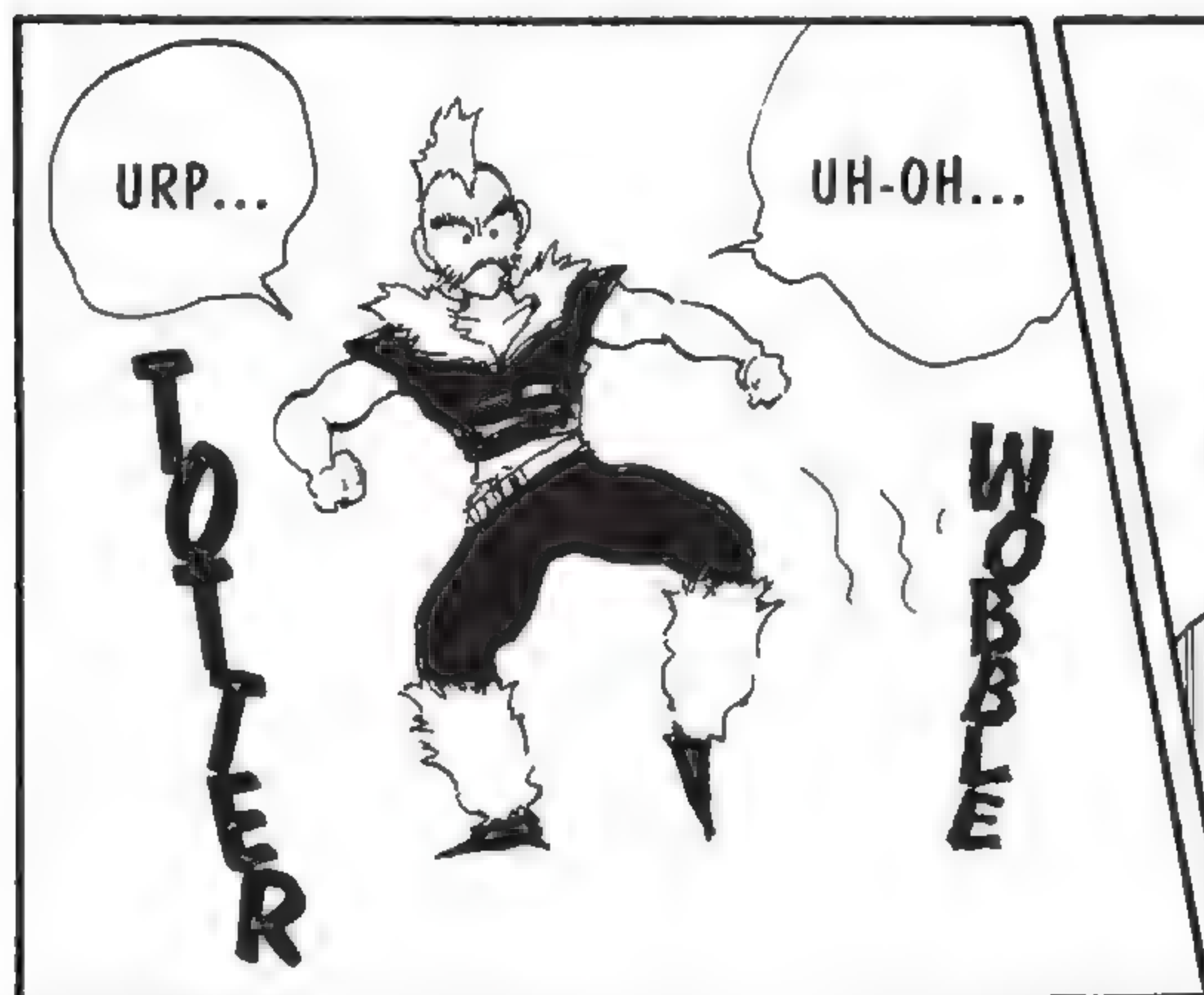
D'THAT LONG
NAP ADDLE
YOUR
BRAIN?!

**YOU
IDIOT!!**

WE'VE NEVER
SEEN THE LIKES
IN THE ENTIRE
HISTORY OF THIS
TOURNAMENT!



URAMESHI'S
SHOWN HIS ACE
UPFRONT!
THIS IS SPORTS-
MANSHIP TO A
FAULT!!



URP...

UH-OH...

**TOO
LATE**

WOBBLE

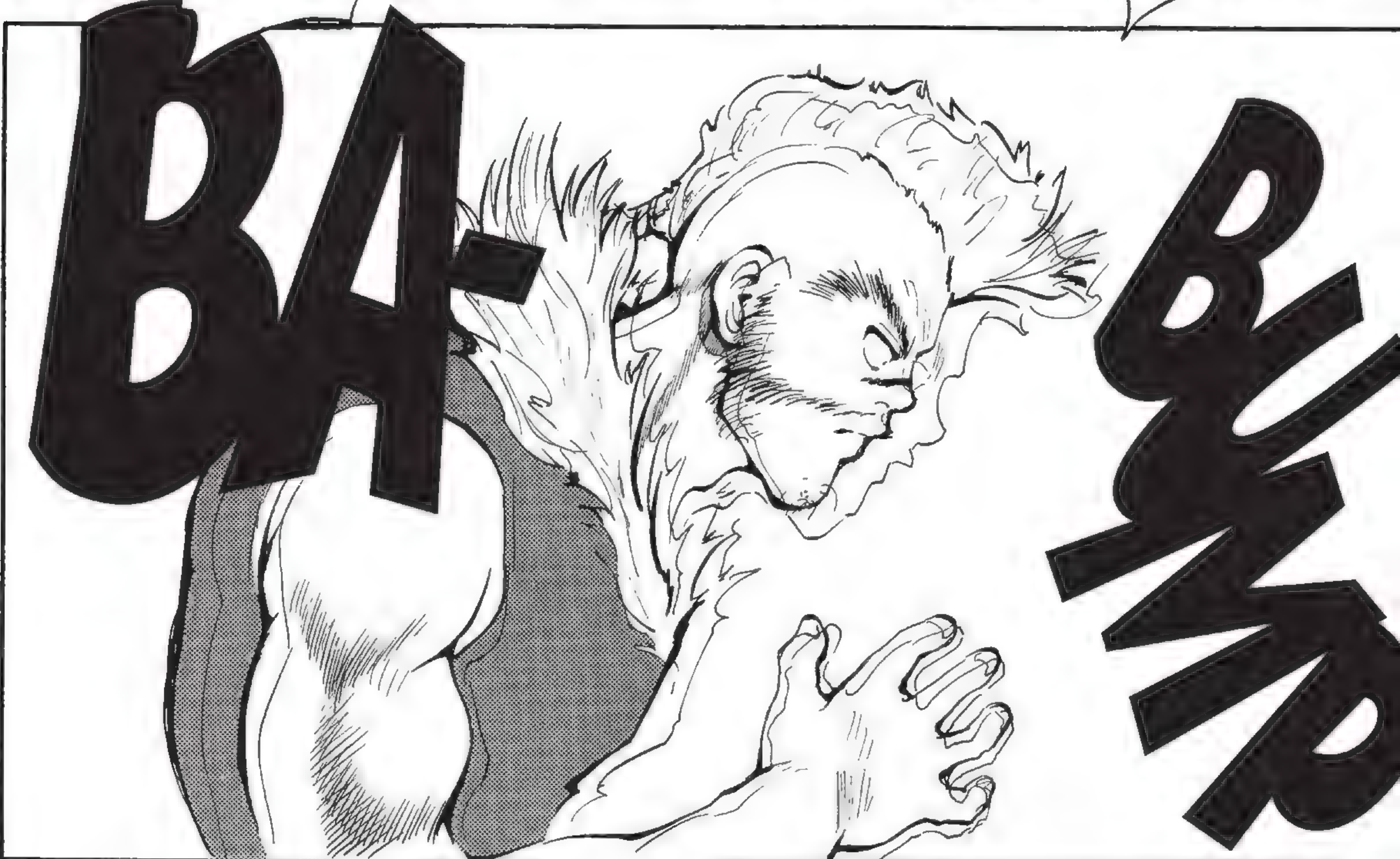
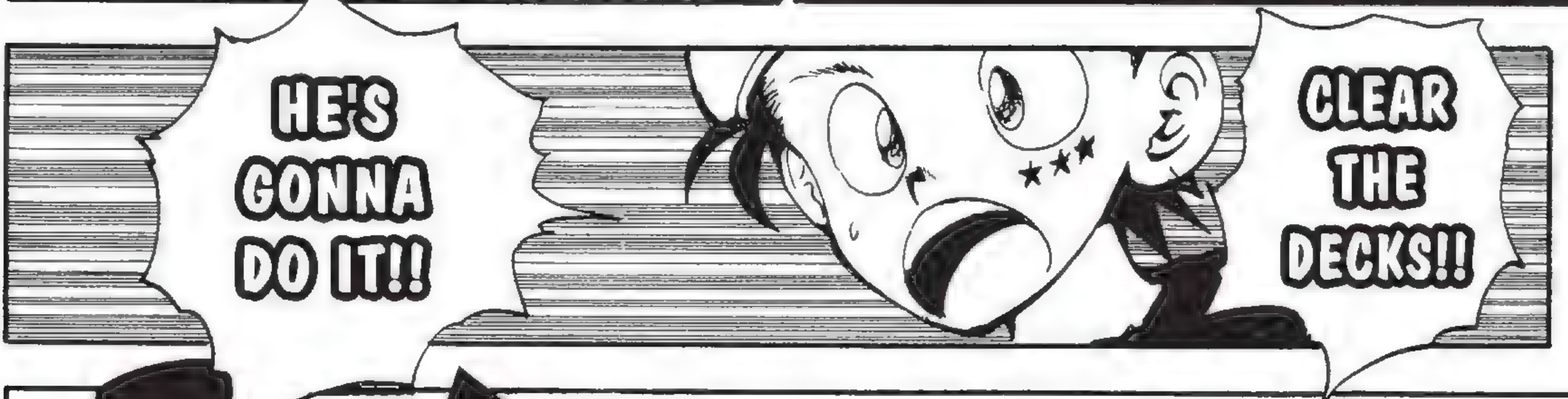
**I LIKE
YOU,
MAN!**

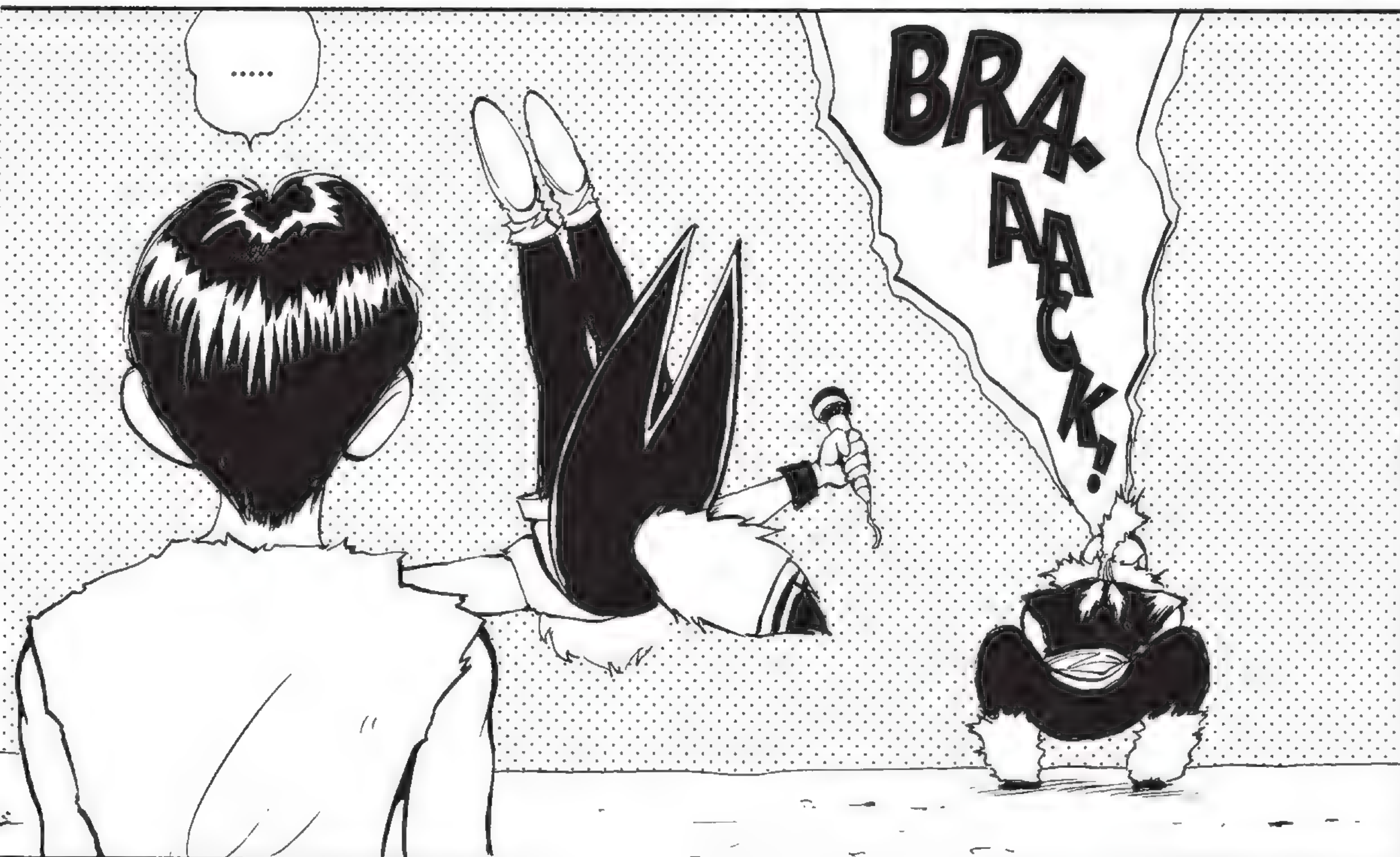
**HA HA
HA HA!
PROB'LY
DID!**



YEAH...

BOOZED
PRETTY HARD
WHILE I WAS
SIDELINED...
NOW I'M STARTIN'
T' FEEL IT.









YER READY,
SO YOU GET
THE BEST I
GOT.

GOT ME A
REP AS THE
SOUSED
AURA AL-
CHEMIST!!



HE'S FORMING
IT INTO —
I'M NOT SURE,
BUT IT CAN'T BE
GOOD FOR
URAMESHI!

BIZARRE!
HE'S
SPINNING
HIS AURA
LIKE COTTON
CANDY!

...THE WAY HE
WAS ALLOYING
HIS PLIABLE
DEMONIC AURA
WITH ALCOHOL!!

SO, AN AURA
ALCHEMIST.
SHOULDA
FIGURED
IT...

**DO
22**





THAT ENERGY
BALL LOOKS
JUST LIKE A
REIGUN
EFFECT!

VERY MUCH
LIKE ONE!
AND PACKS
AS MUCH
POWER!

HE WORKED
OUT THE
ANALYSIS IN
NO TIME!!





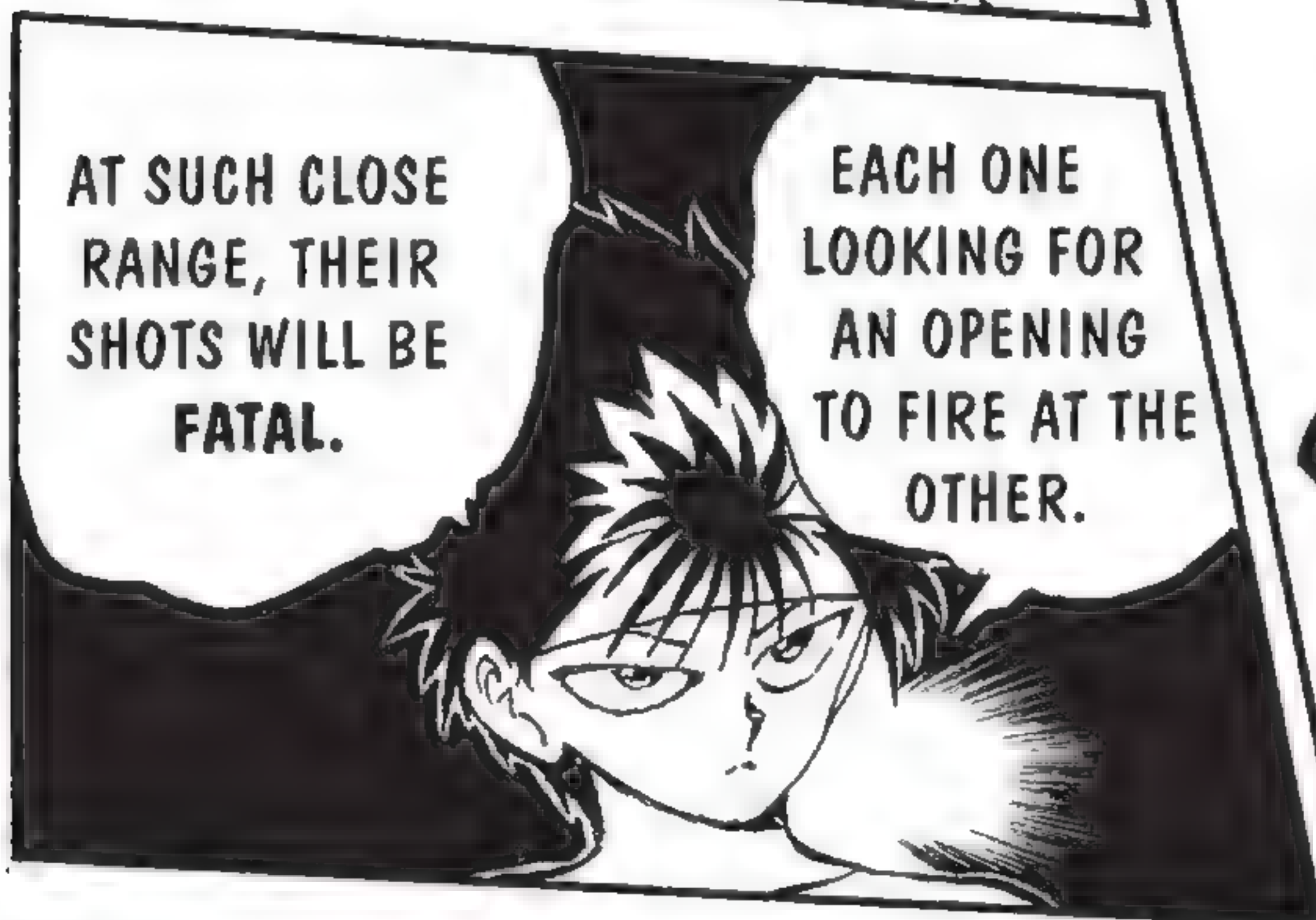
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**THEIR
SHOTS!
GOIN' HEAD
TO HEAD!!**



THEY
CHARGED IN
BEHIND THEIR
SHOTS!!





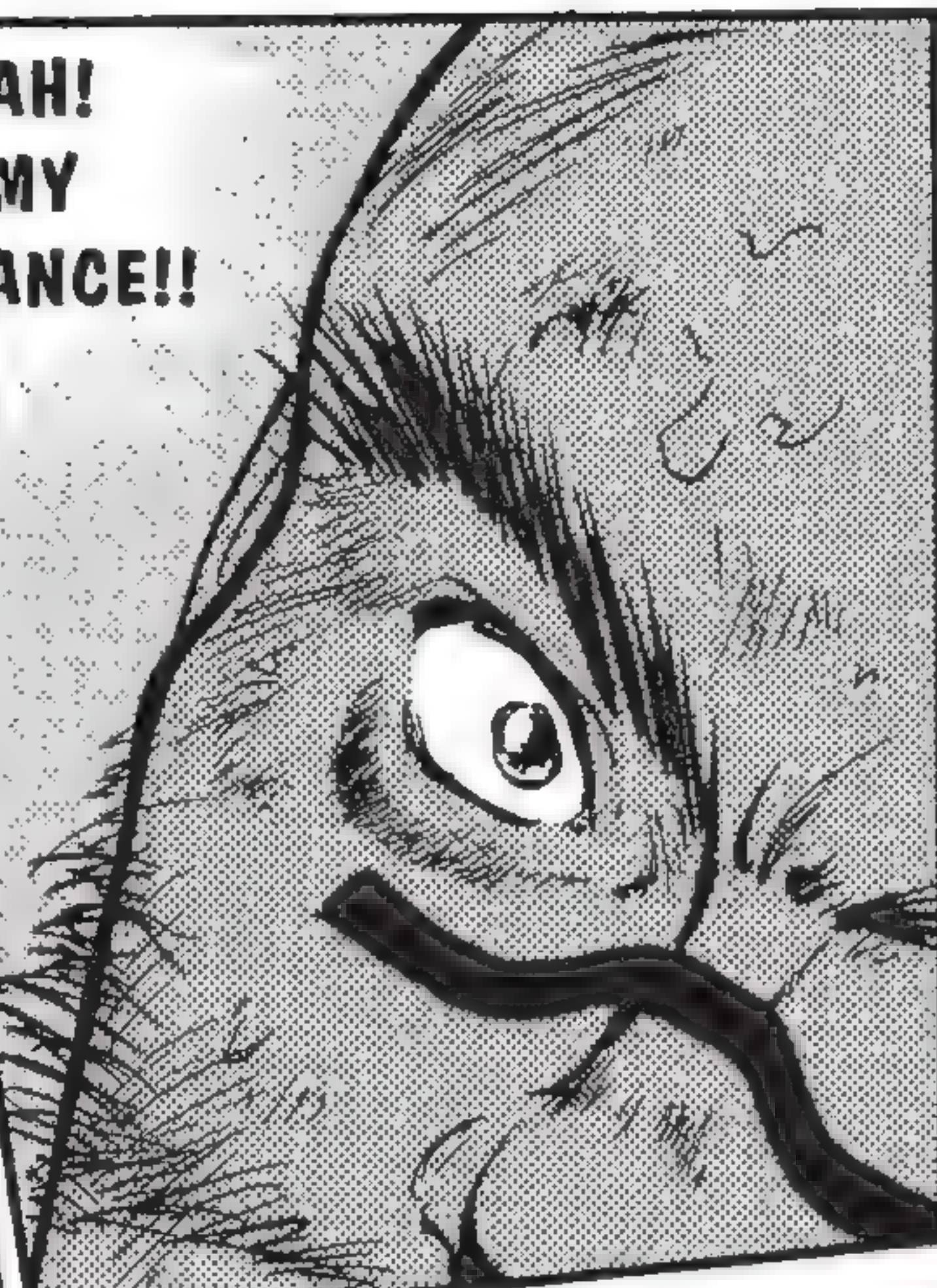
BAM WHAM
SLAM
PAM
RAM
FWAM





RAAH!

**HAH!
MY
CHANCE!!**



**...THEY'LL
BOTH BE
MAULED!!**

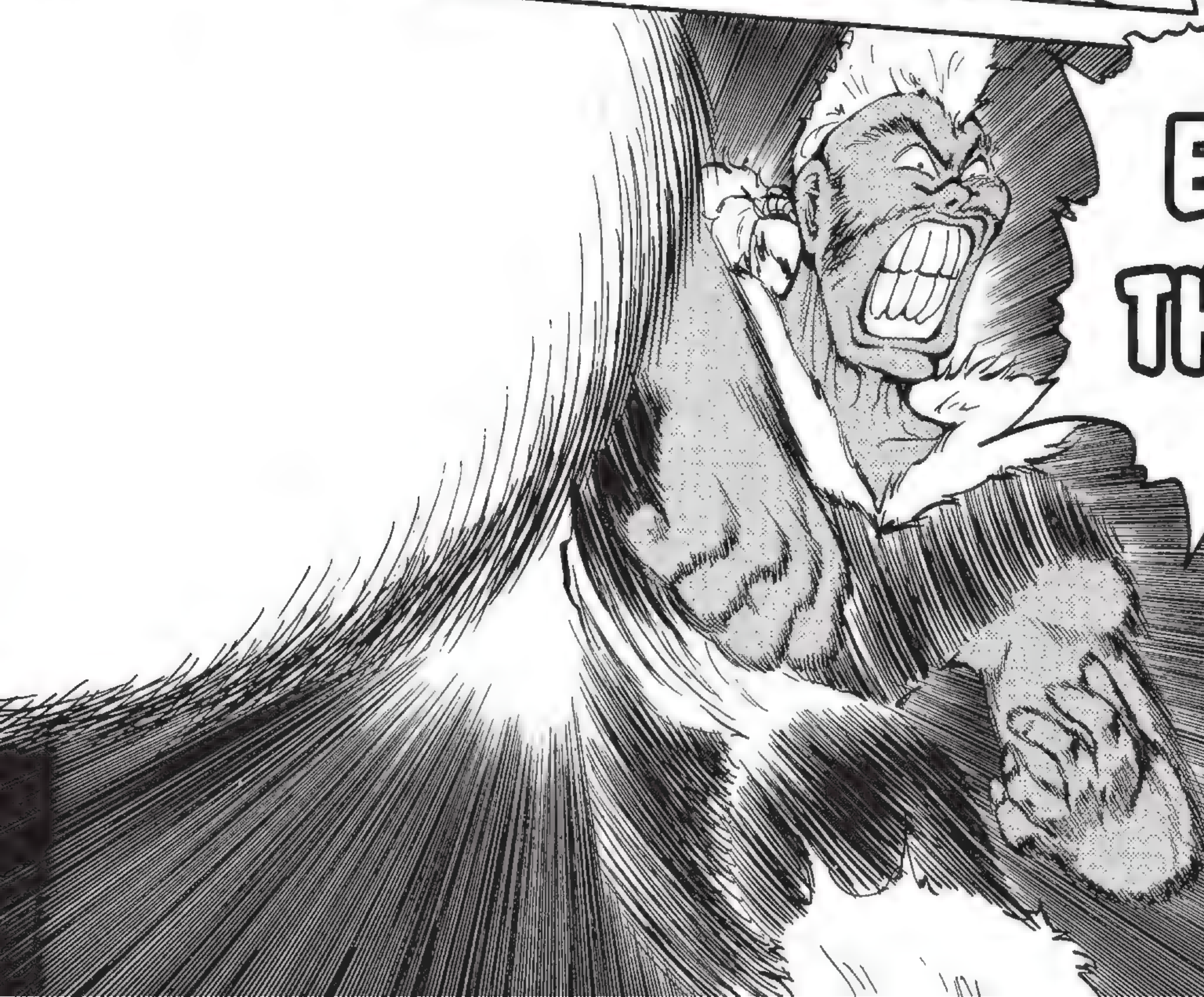
**YUSUKE
WILL
COUNTER
IT, WHICH
MEANS...**

**HE'LL PAY
FOR THAT, IF
THE FIGHT
DRAGS ON.**

**THAT'S A
HUGE
AMOUNT OF
EXPLOSIVE
AURA.**



**HE'S
FORMING...
THE BLOCK-
BUSTER!!**



**EAT
THIS!**



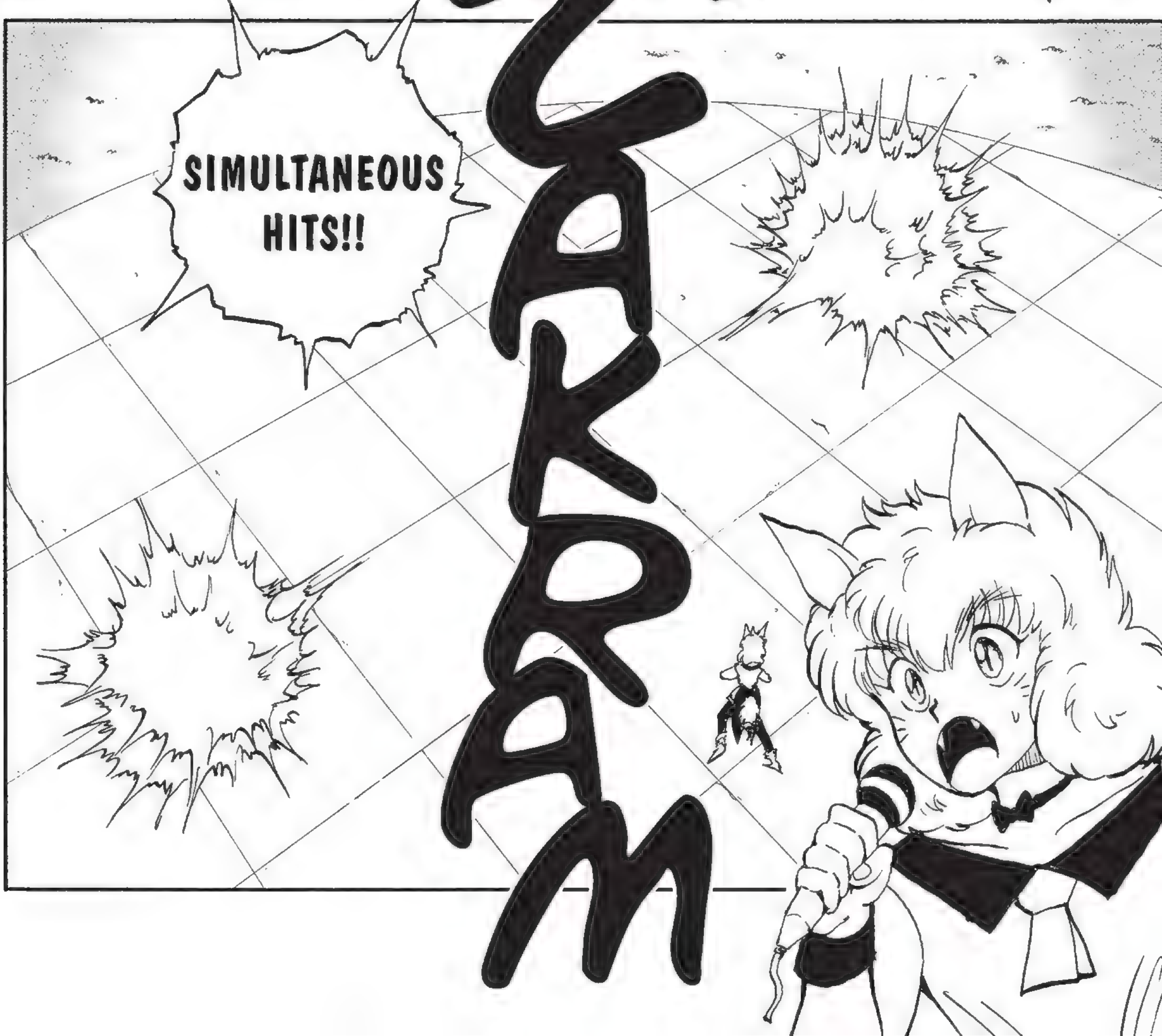




HIS SHOTS
WENT
THROUGH
CHU'S!!

BOOM

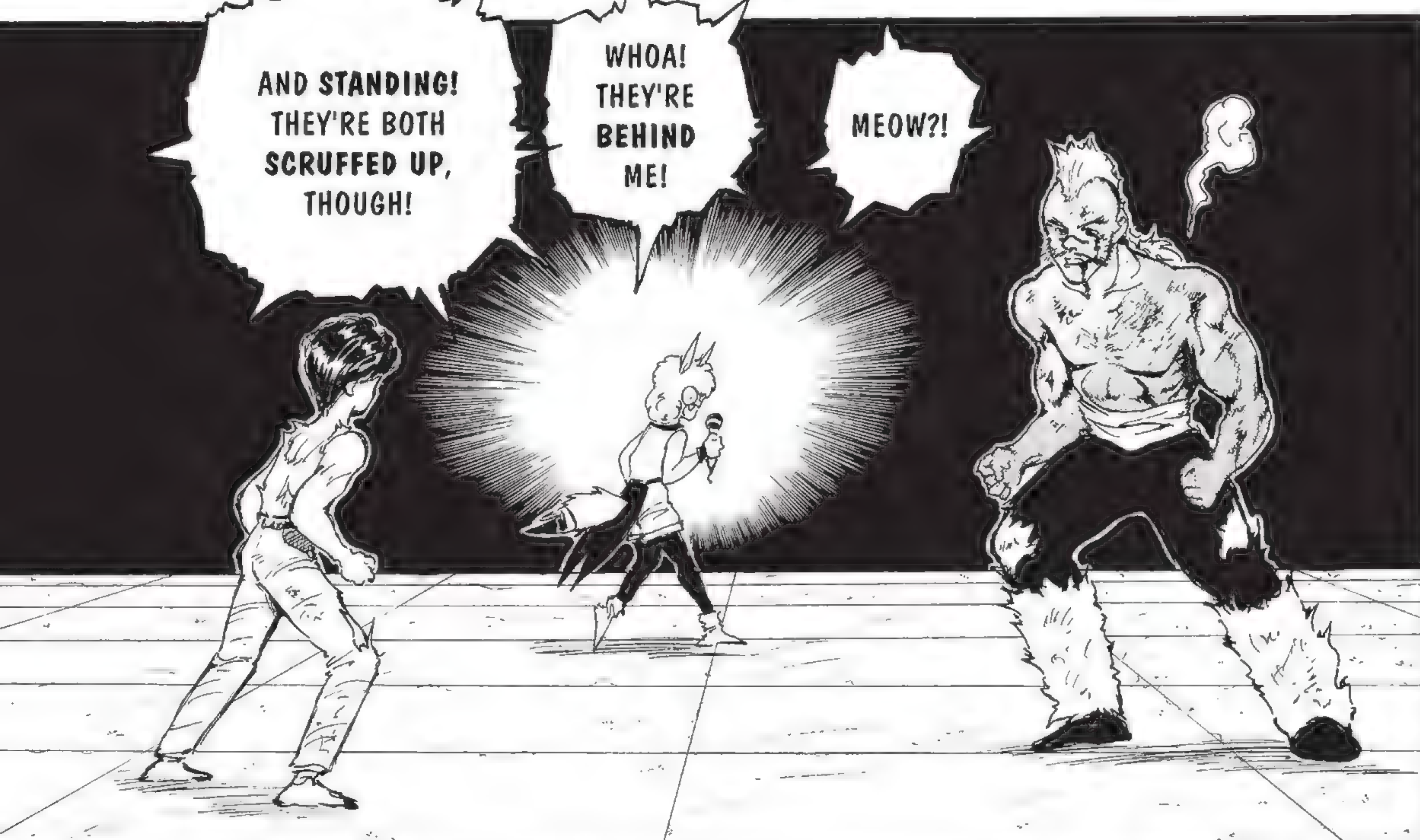
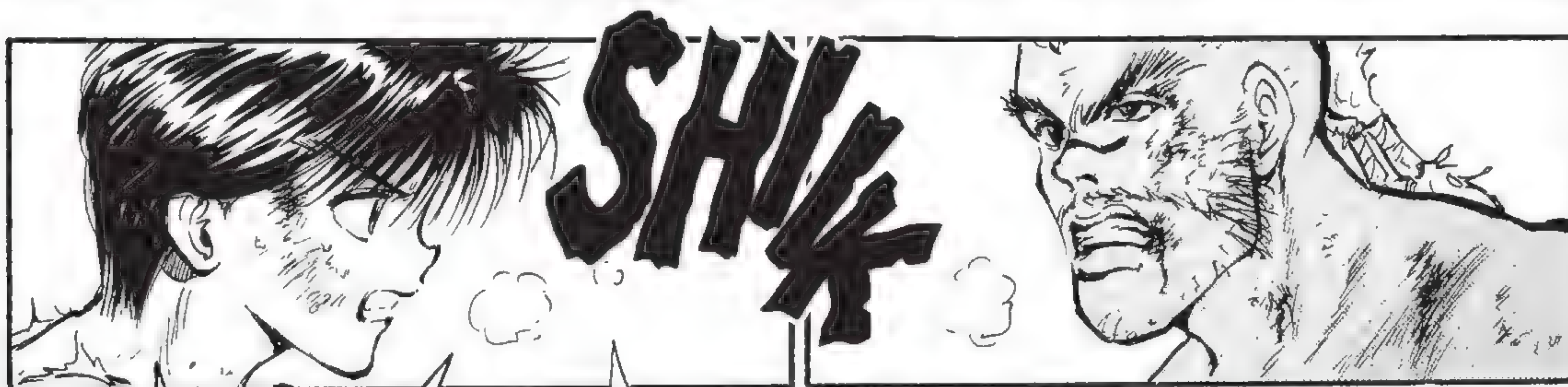
OH GOSH —
THEY'RE BOTH
GONNA GET
IT!!



SIMULTANEOUS
HITS!!

BOOM







THAT'S
YOUR FOUR
SHOTS,
GUY.

AND YOUR
AURA'S SPENT.
NUTHIN' LEFT
BUT NORMAL
HUMAN
STRENGTH...

HUFF

PRETTY
MUCH.

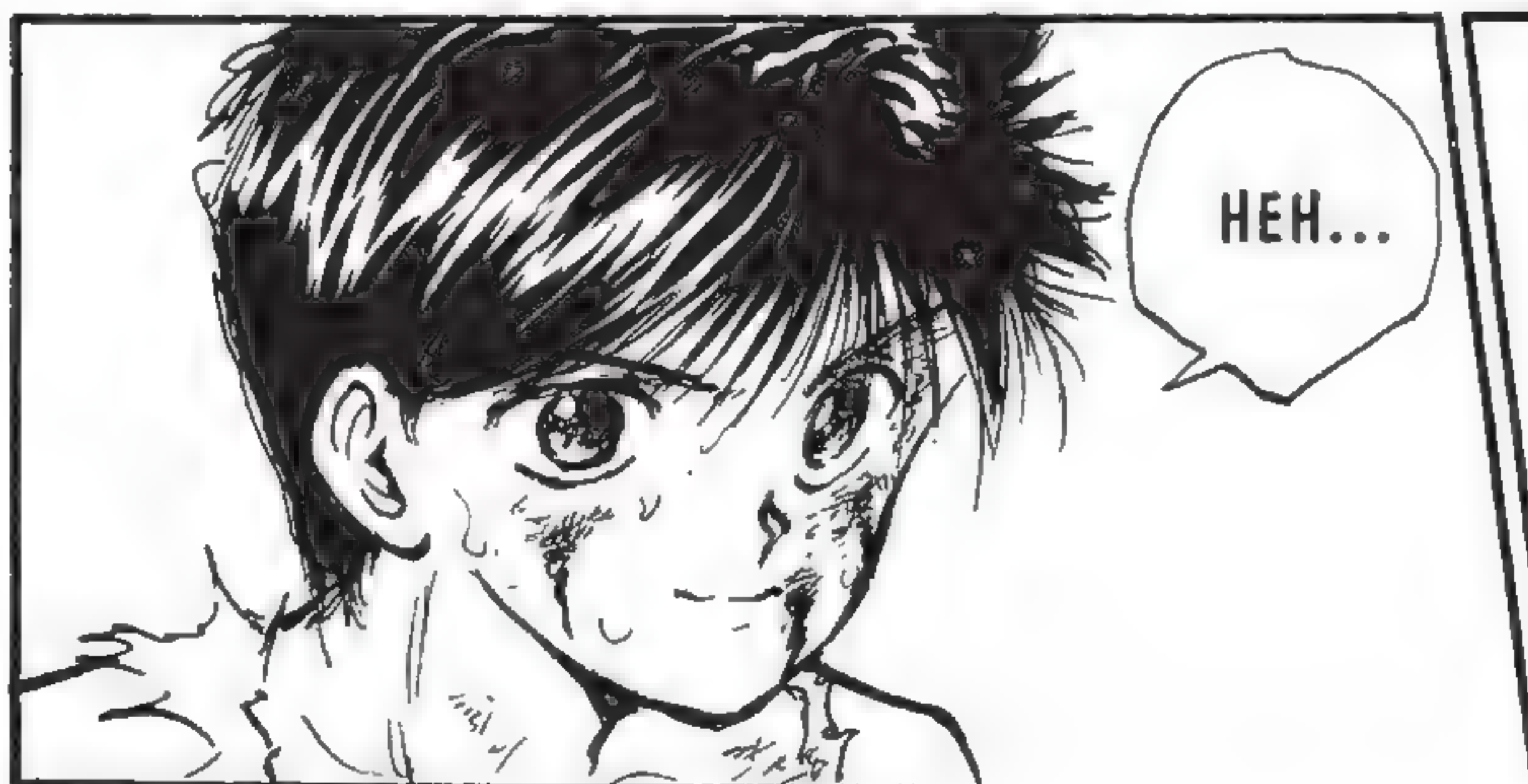
AMI
RIGHT?

HUFF



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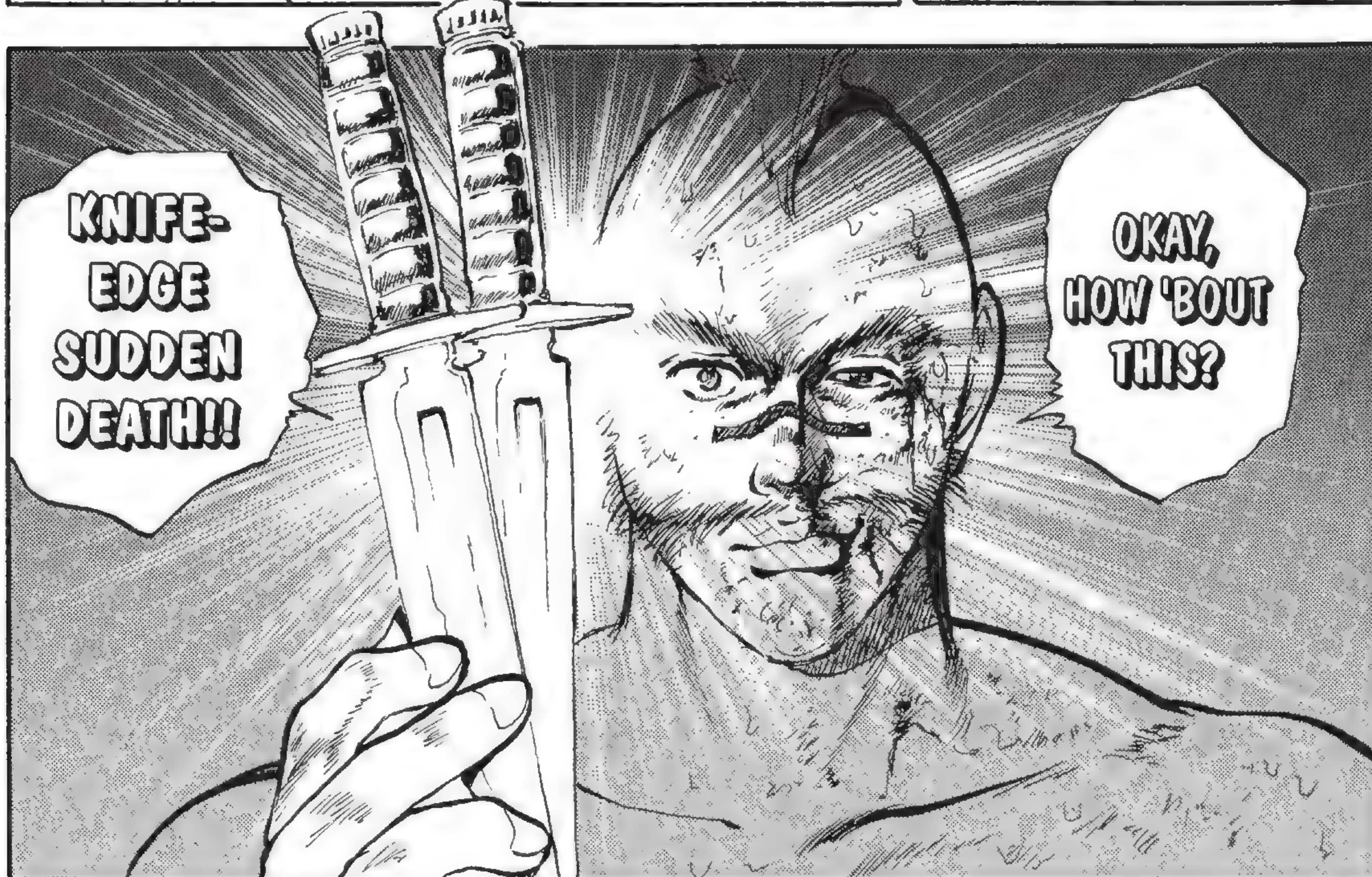
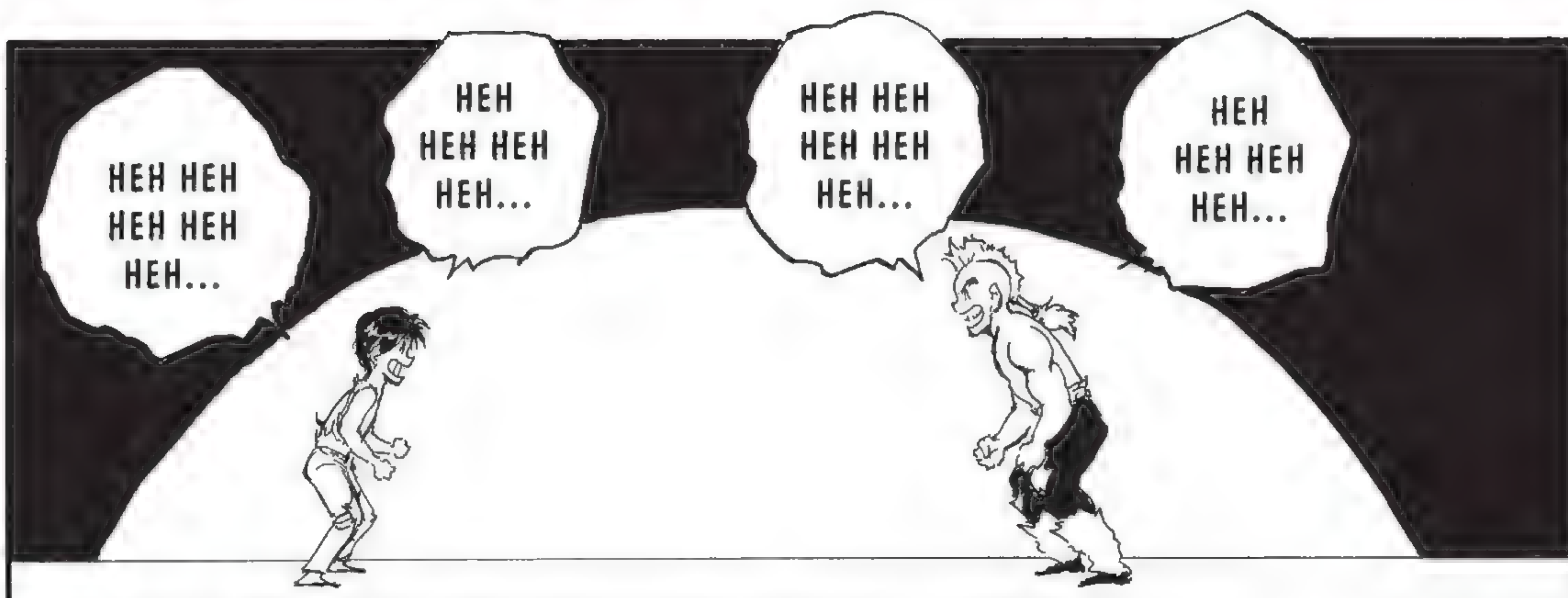
SAME
FOR ME,
ACTUALLY.



HEH...



HEH...



THE FIRST
THING HE
SAYS IS:

BA-BMP
BA-BMP

IT'S A
CALL FROM
A FRIEND.

YIKES!

I FEEL SOMEONE...
BEHIND
ME...WATCHING.

10 7

"WHY
DIDN'T
YOU SAY
ANY-
THING
WHEN
YOU
PICKED
UP?"

...MY HAND
AUTO-
MATICALLY
REACHES OUT
TO TURN THE
VIDEO OFF.
THE
PRESENCE
FADES
AWAY.

VCR

8

HE CALLED ME ONCE, AND I PICKED UP,
BUT ALL HE COULD HEAR WAS STATIC.
SO HE CALLED AGAIN. THAT WAS RIGHT
WHEN I WAS UNDER PARALYSIS.
THE PHONE HADN'T RUNG THE
FIRST TIME, OBVIOUSLY...
I STILL THINK IT WAS "THE VISITOR"
WHO HAD INTERCEPTED THE CALL...

I ALMOST
HAVE A
HEART
ATTACK!

SUDDENLY,
THE PHONE
RINGS.

9

WA

AH!

BRRRING

12

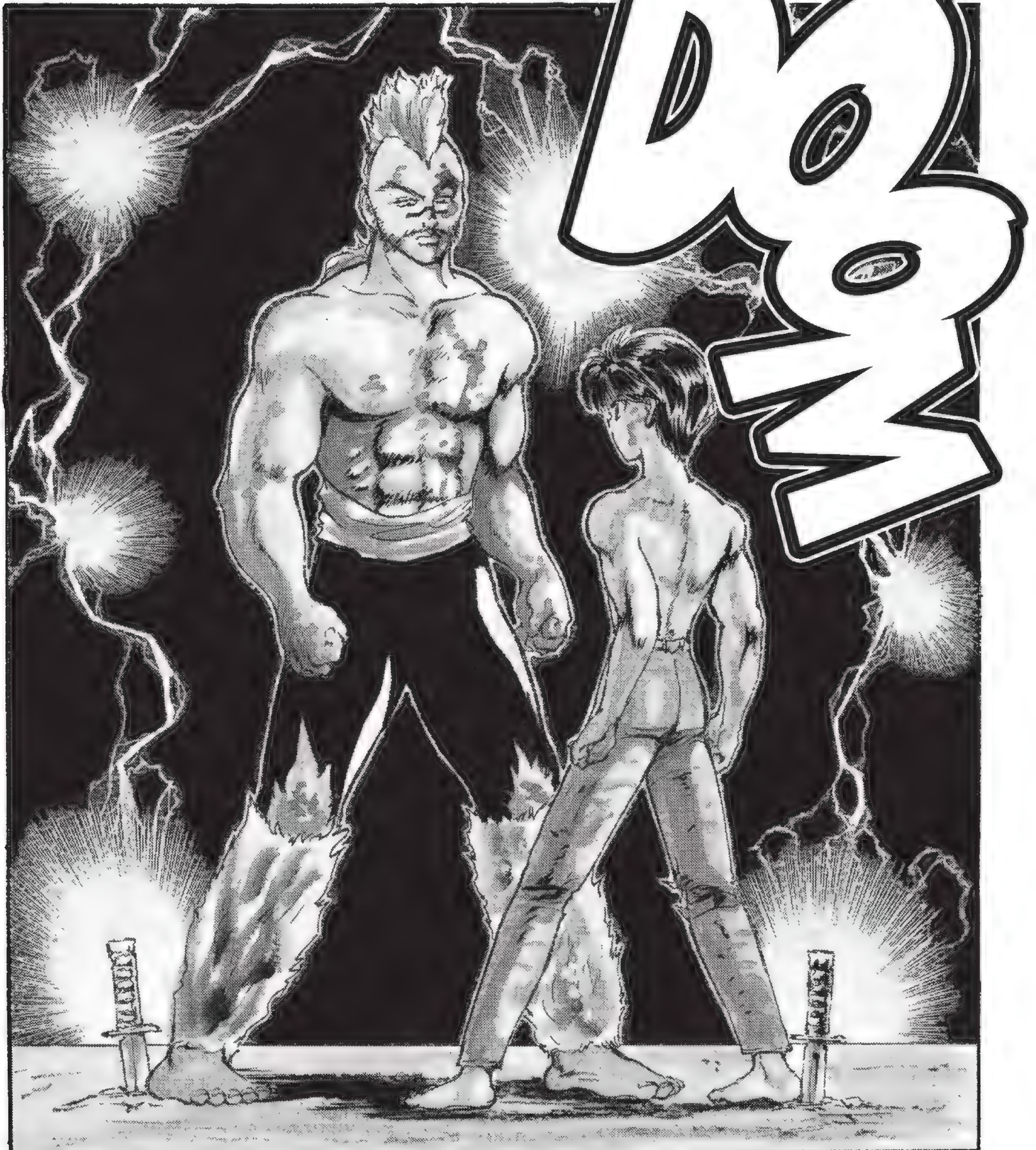
WILL THERE BE AN EPISODE 2?!

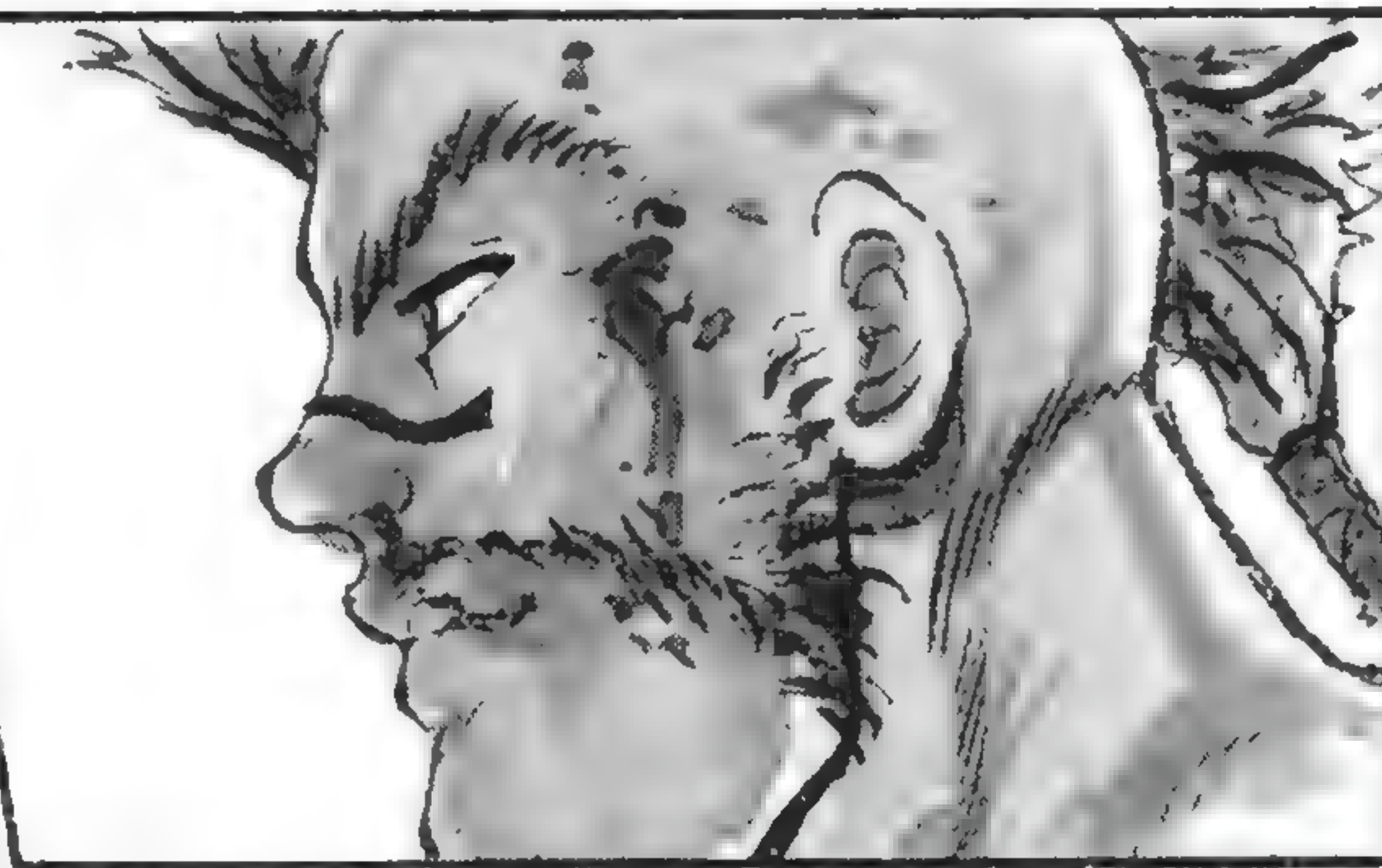
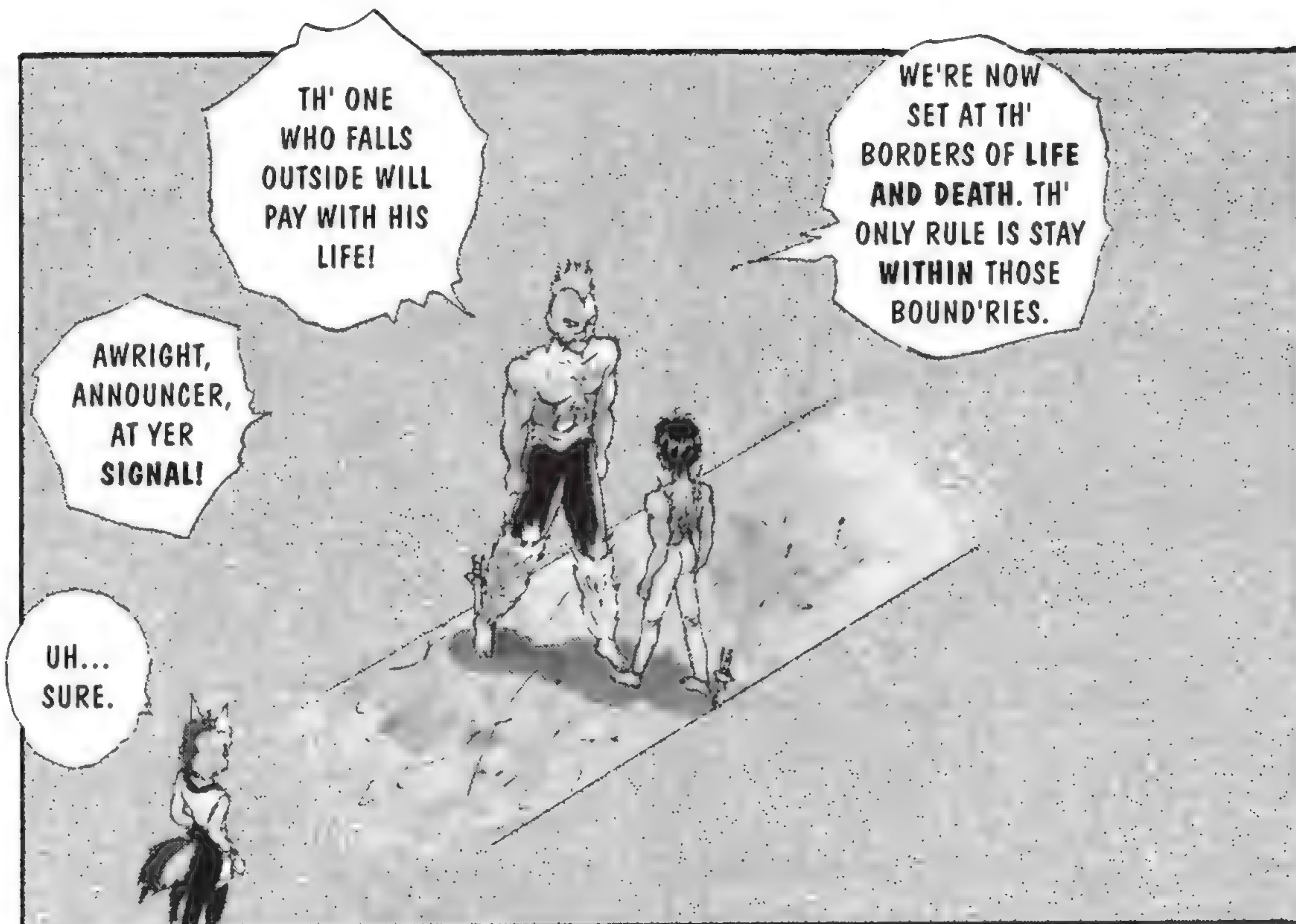
KNIFE-EDGE SUDDEN DEATH!!



...AGAINST
THE KNIFE'S
EDGE.

TAKE OFF
YOUR SHOES
AND PLACE
YOUR RIGHT
HEEL...





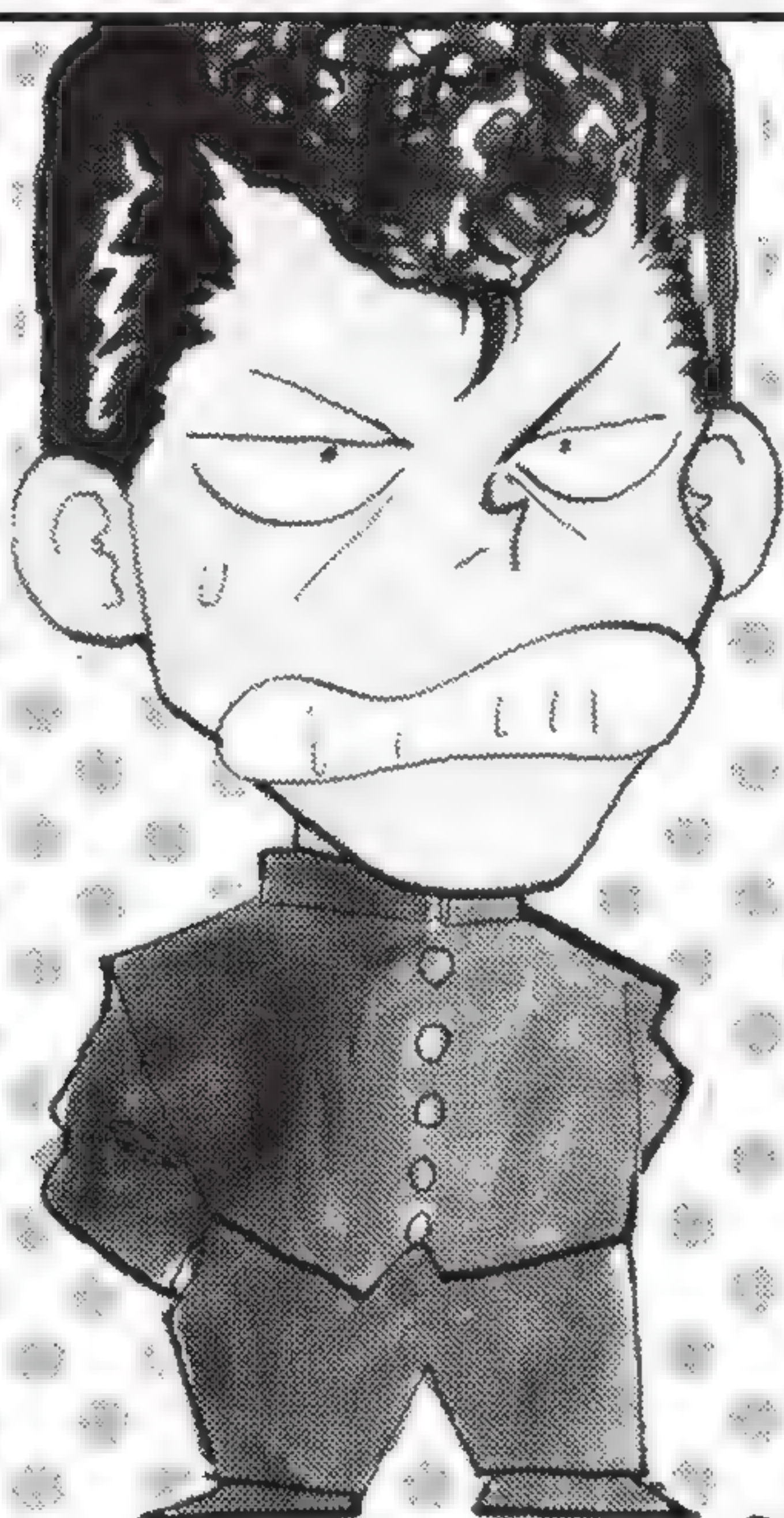
6TH PLACE: SUZAKU
WITH 813 VOTES

*8TH PLACE WITH 187 VOTES



4TH PLACE: KUWABARA
WITH 1,633 VOTES

*5TH PLACE WITH 549 VOTES



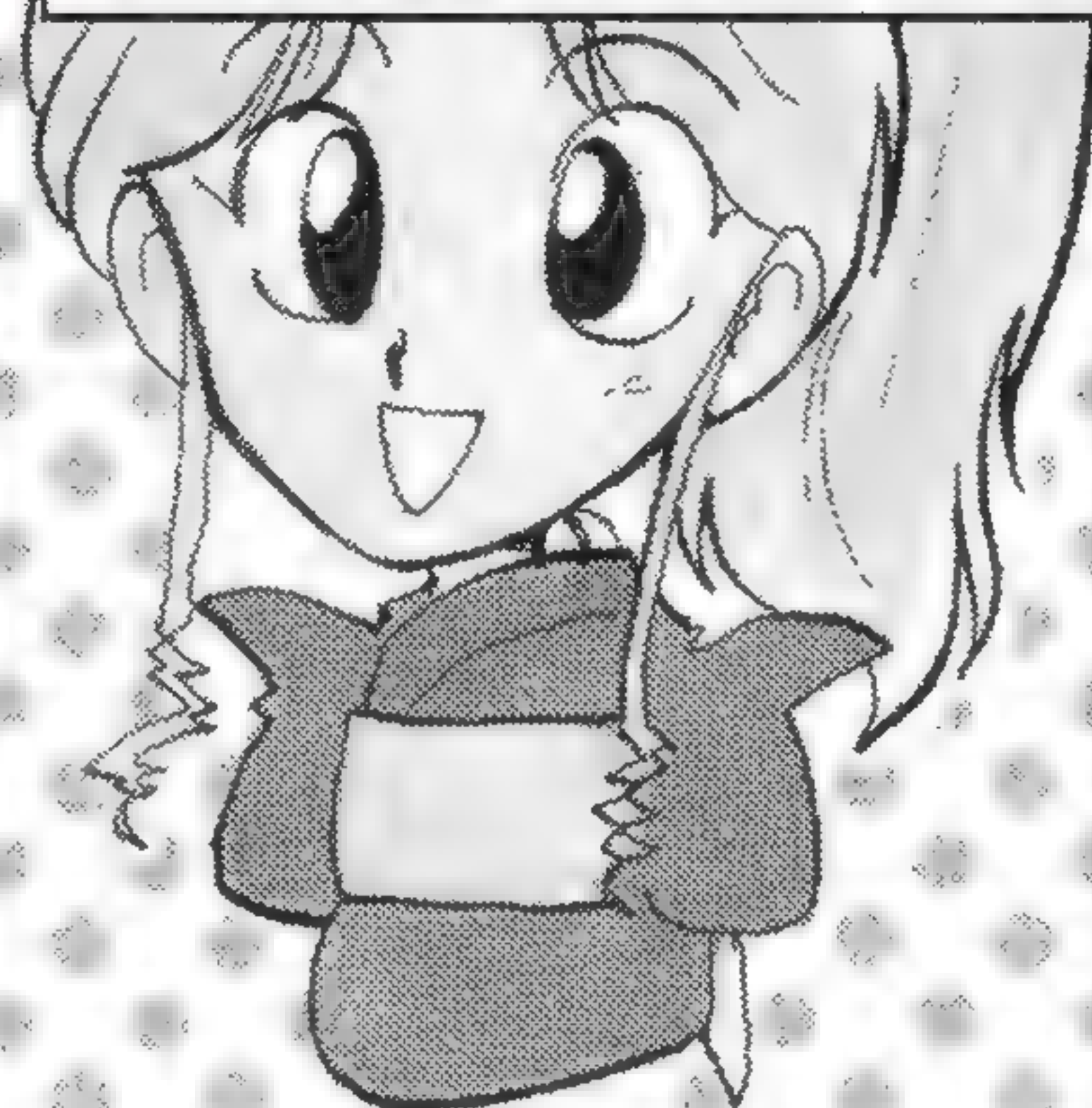
1ST PLACE: HIEI
WITH 18,162 VOTES

*1ST PLACE WITH 4,146 VOTES



5TH PLACE: BOTAN
WITH 1,091 VOTES

*4TH PLACE WITH 592 VOTES



9TH PLACE: KIRISHIMA
WITH 219 VOTES

*11TH PLACE WITH 51 VOTES



RUNNER-UP:
TOGURO BROTHERS
WITH 141 VOTES

*7TH PLACE WITH 203 VOTES



ART BY YOSHIHIRO TOGASHI
25 YEARS OLD

*SHONEN JUMP

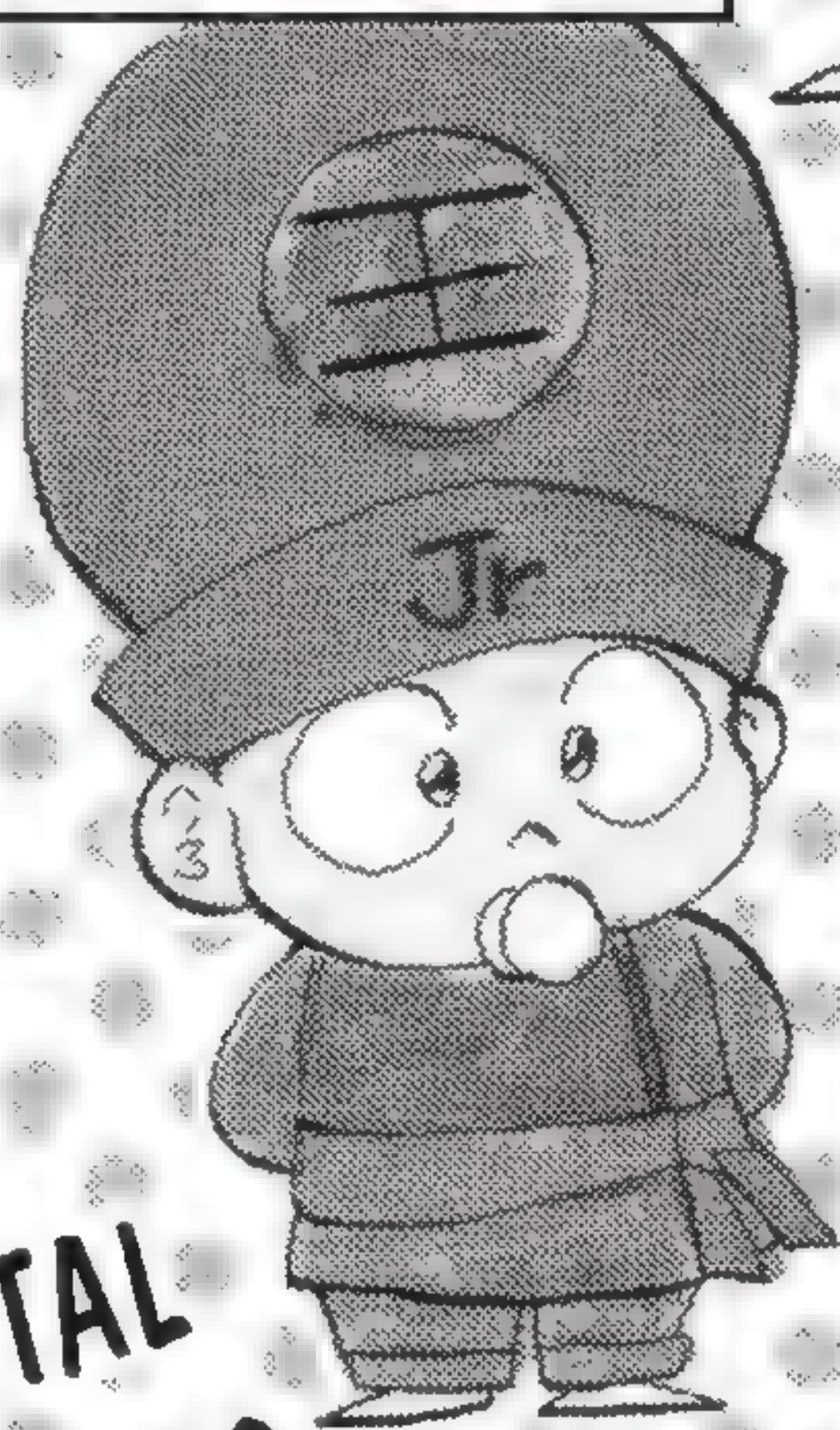
**OUR VERY FIRST
CHARACTER POPULARITY
CONTEST RESULTS!!**

**2ND PLACE:
YUSUKE
WITH 17,858
VOTES**

***3RD PLACE WITH 2,061 VOTES**

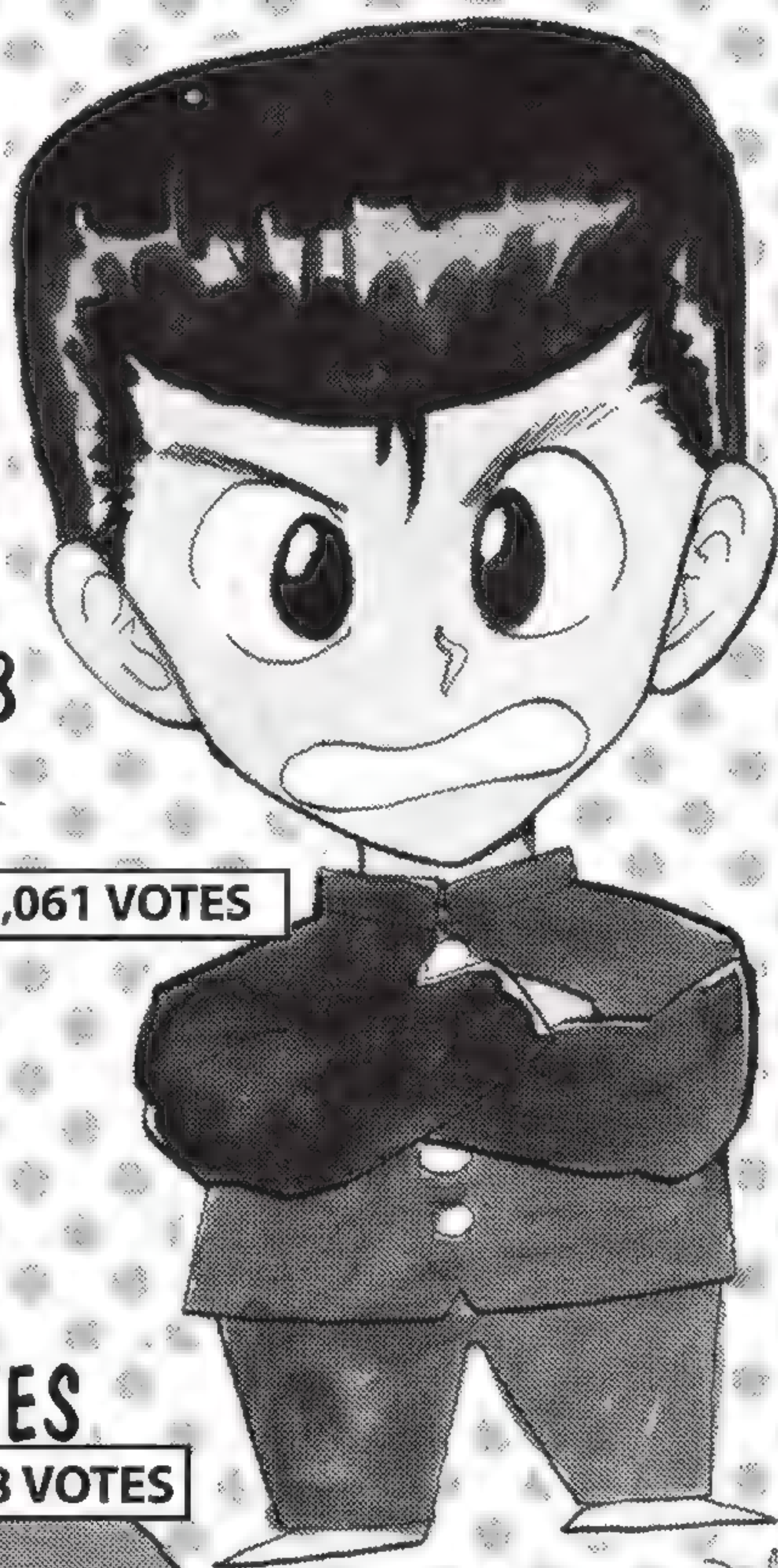
**7TH PLACE:
KOENMA
WITH 582 VOTES**

***9TH PLACE WITH 158 VOTES**



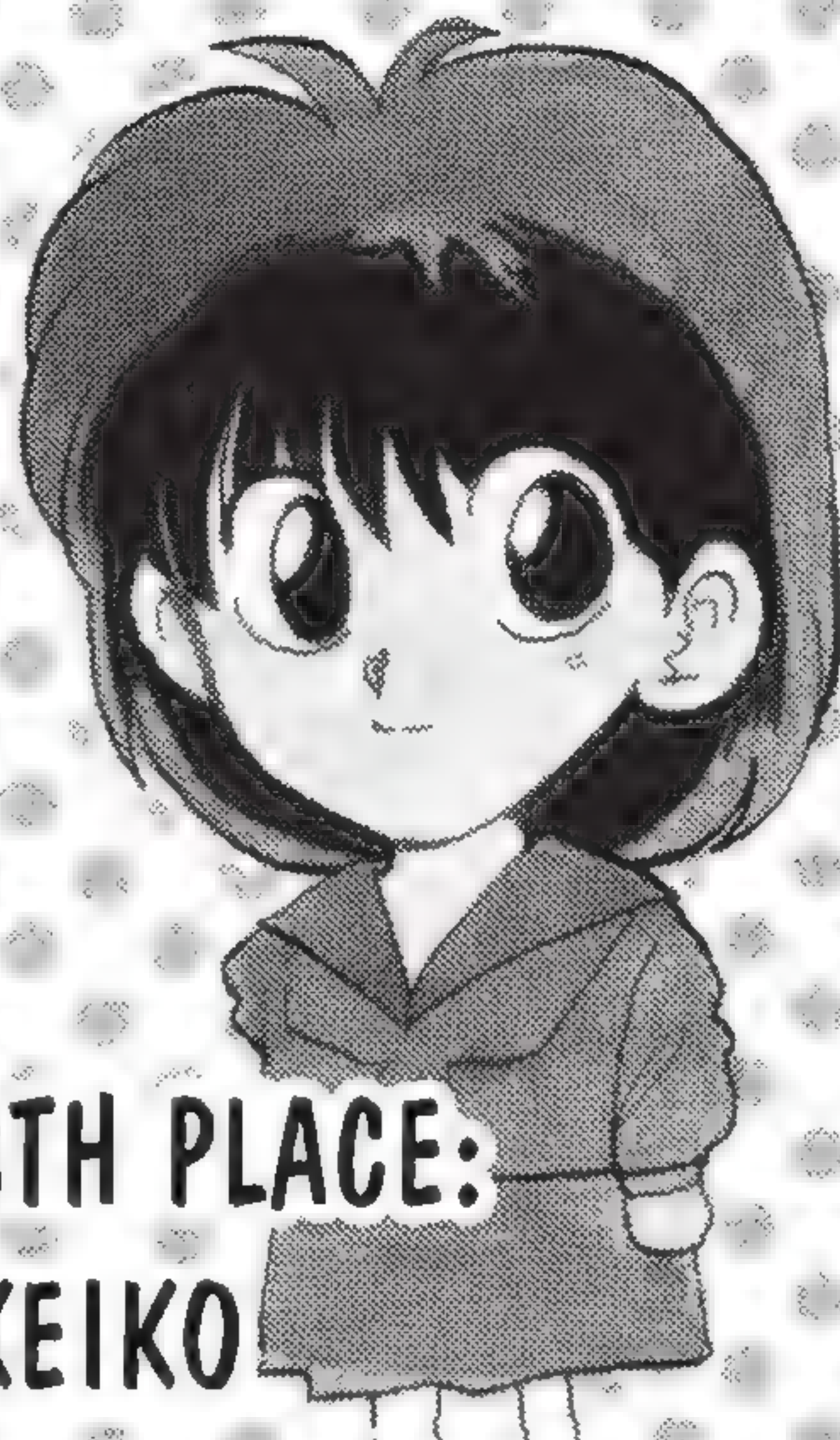
**TOTAL
ENTRIES:
49,885
VOTES!!**

***11,444
TOTAL
ENTRIES**



**8TH PLACE:
KEIKO
WITH 529 VOTES**

***6TH PLACE WITH 218 VOTES**



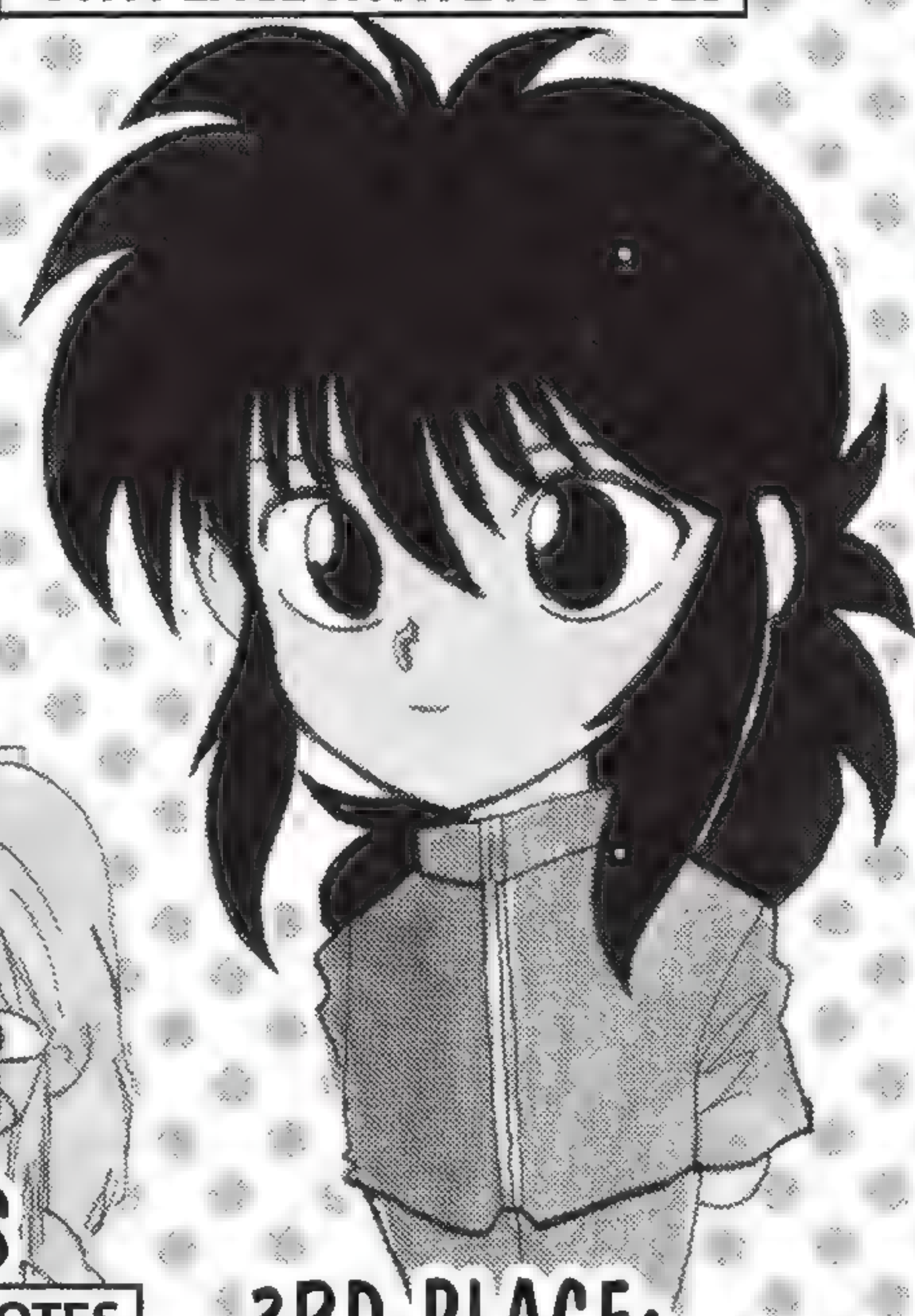
**10TH PLACE:
RANDO
WITH 156 VOTES**

***10TH PLACE WITH 98 VOTES**



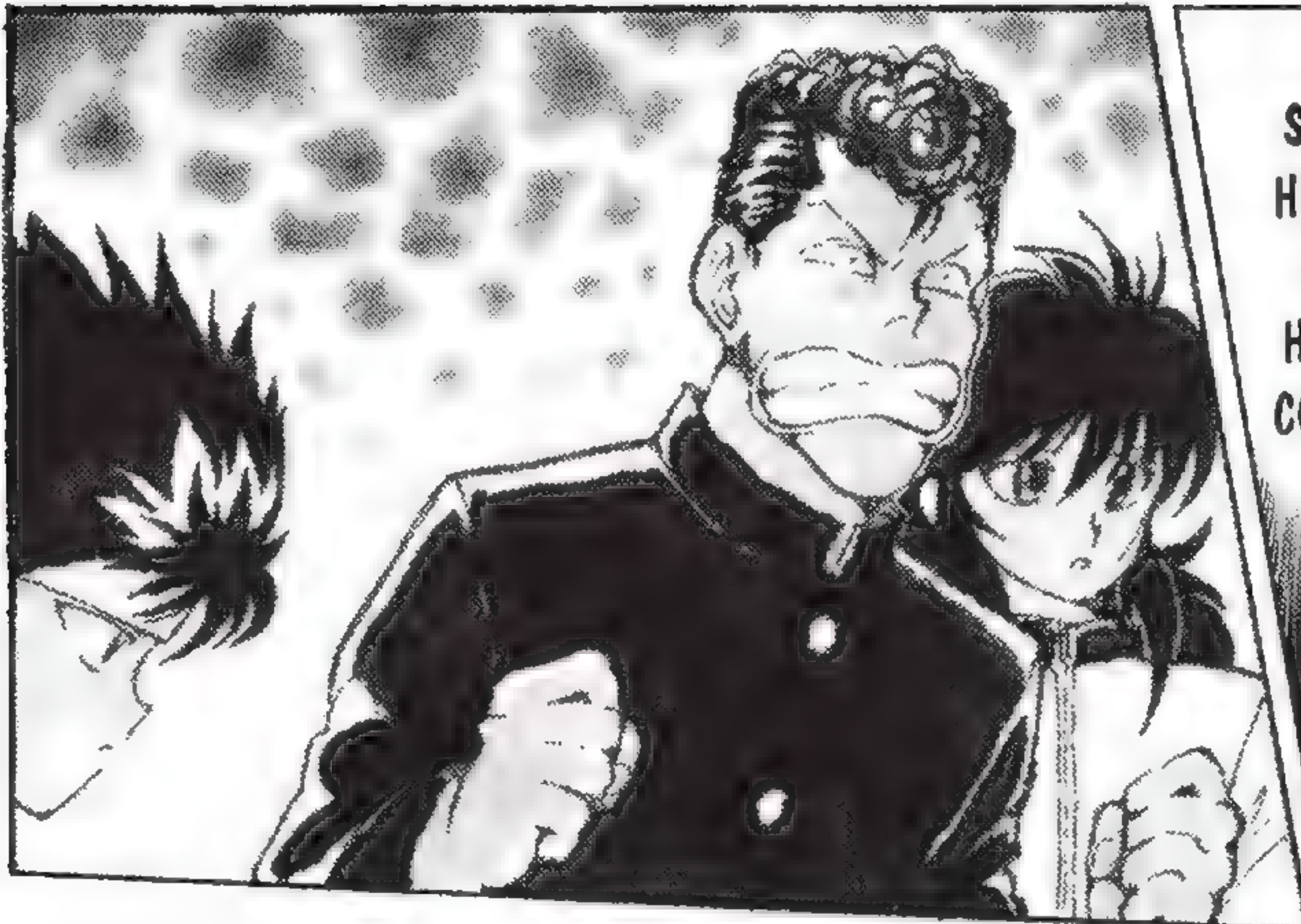
**3RD PLACE:
KURAMA
WITH 8,154 VOTES**

***2ND PLACE WITH 3,181 VOTES**

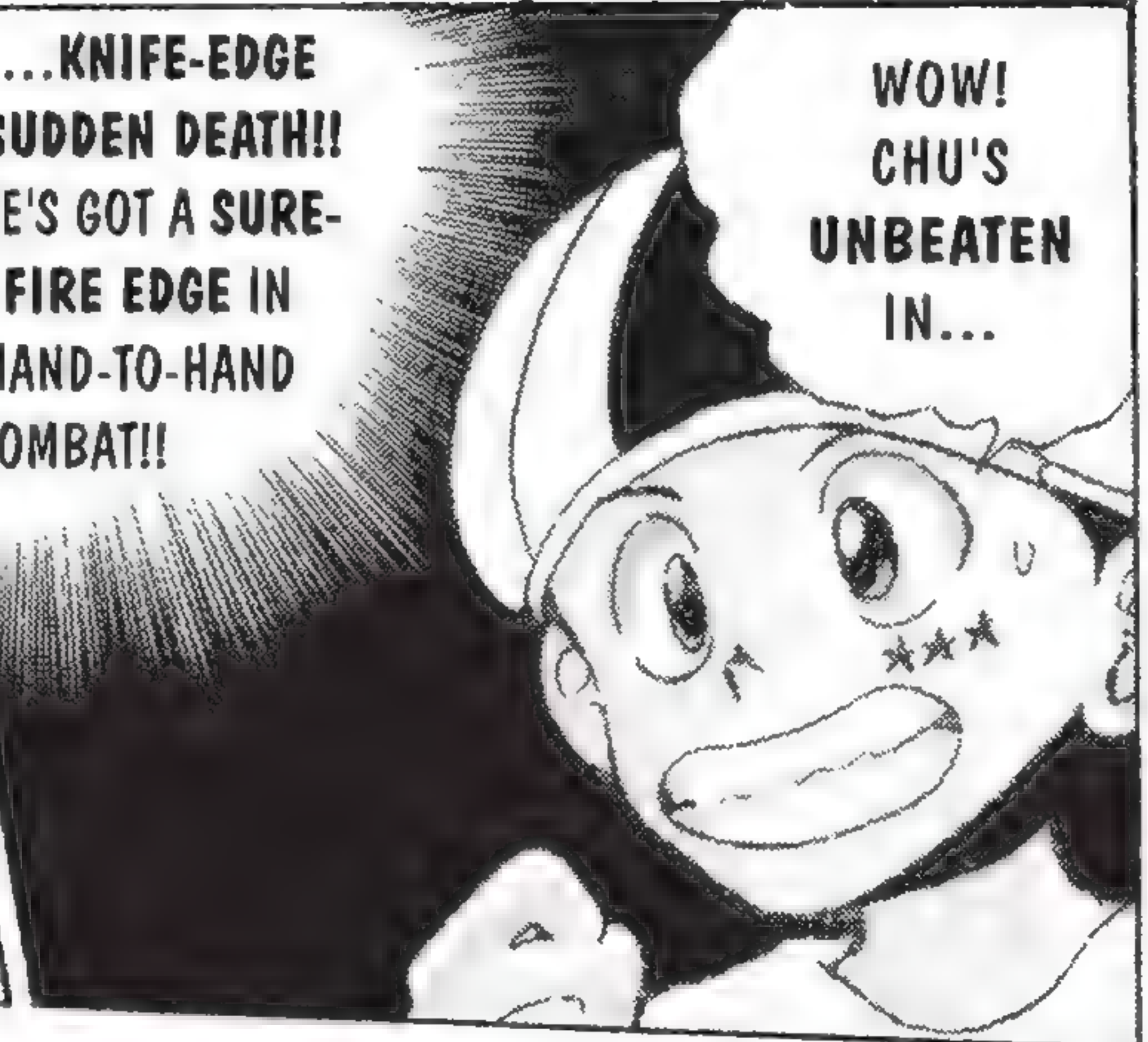


**KNIFE-EDGE
SUDDEN DEATH!!**

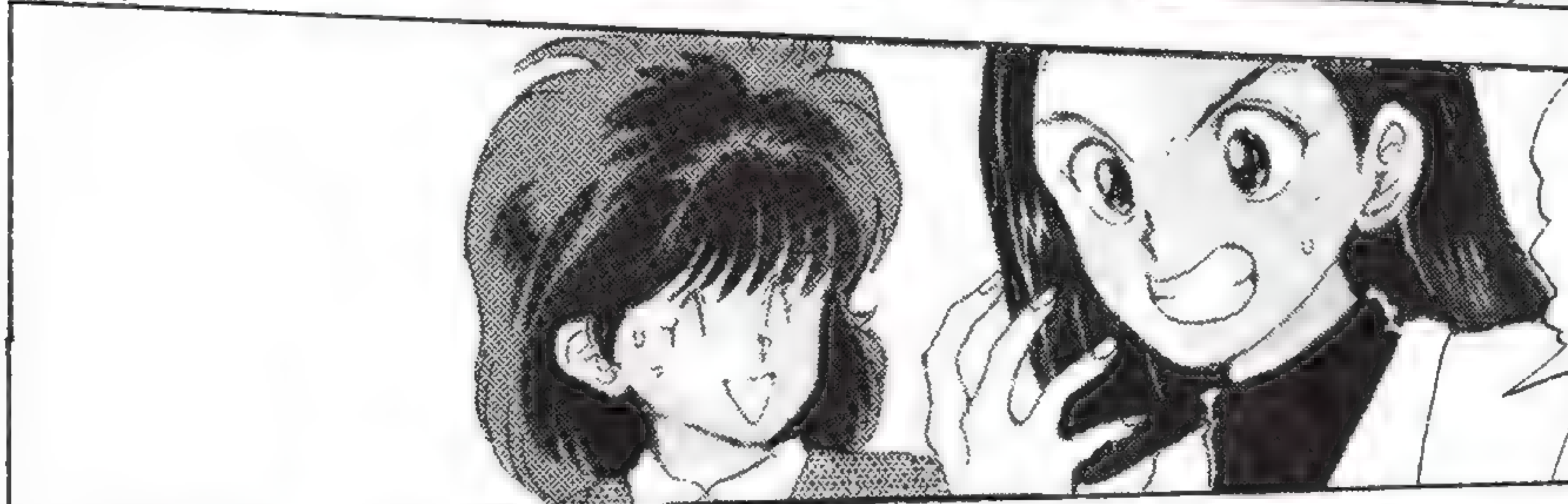
***U.S. SHONEN JUMP Magazine**



...KNIFE-EDGE
SUDDEN DEATH!!
HE'S GOT A SURE-
FIRE EDGE IN
HAND-TO-HAND
COMBAT!!



WOW!
CHU'S
UNBEATEN
IN...



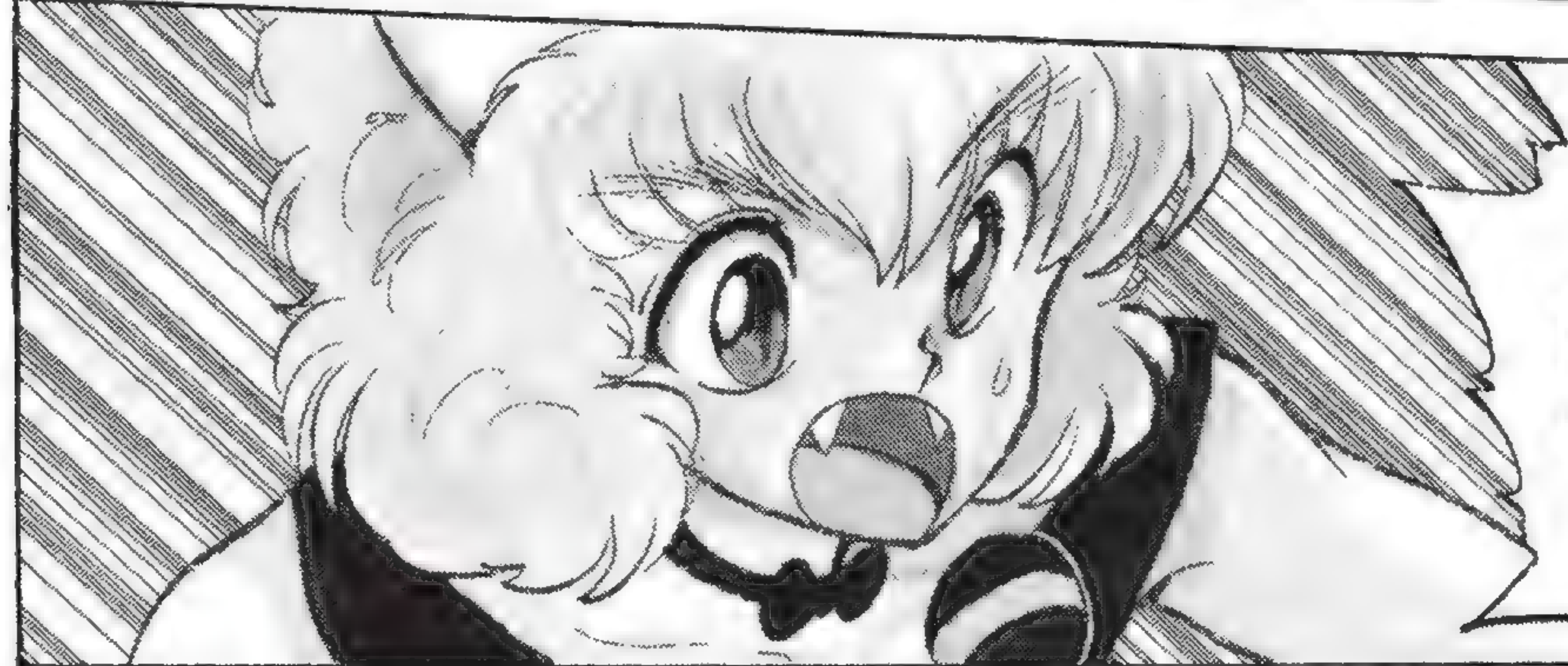
AH, THIS
REMINDS ME
OF MY SALAD
DAYS!



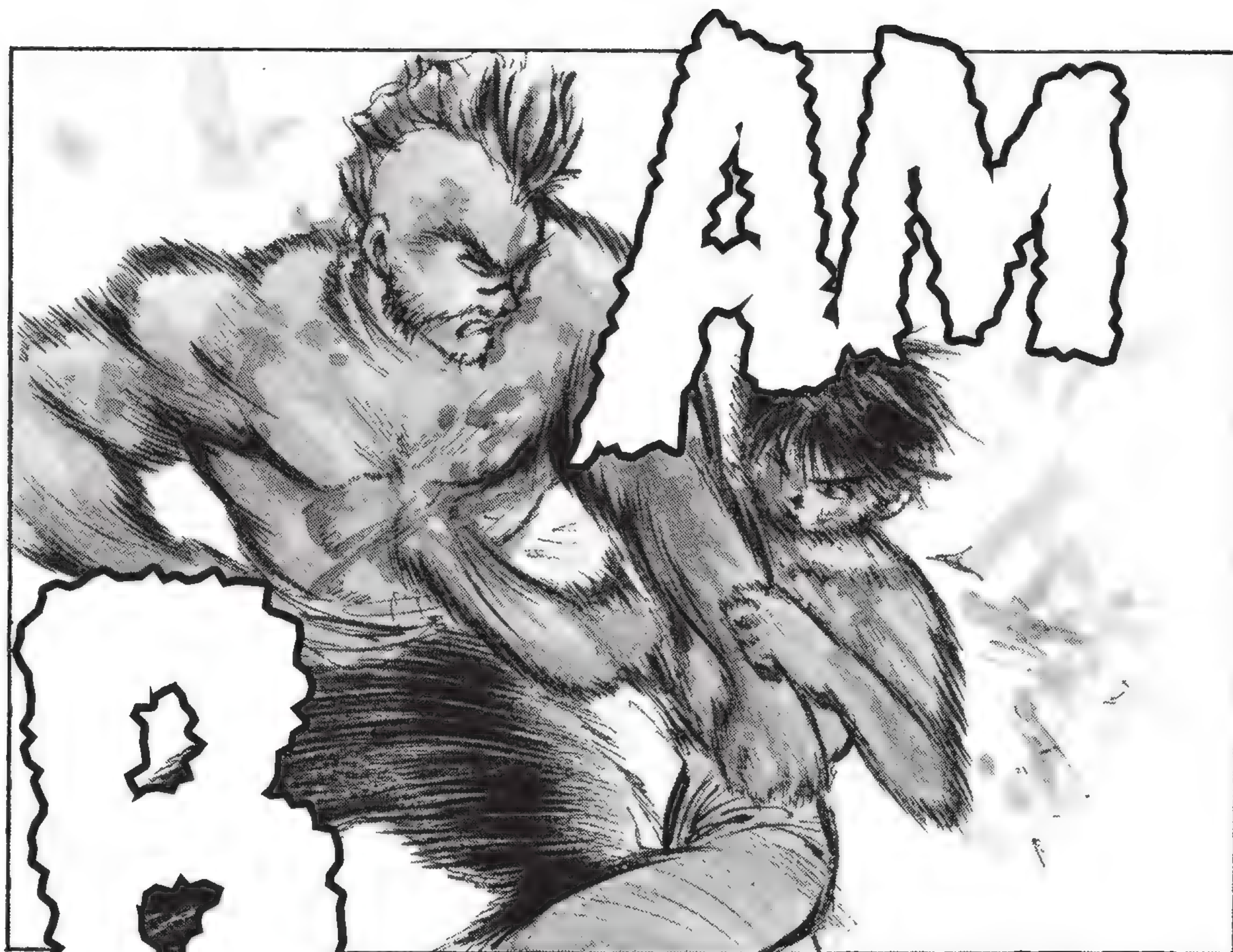
NAIL HIM,
CHU! I'VE
GOT A LOT
RIDING ON
THIS!!

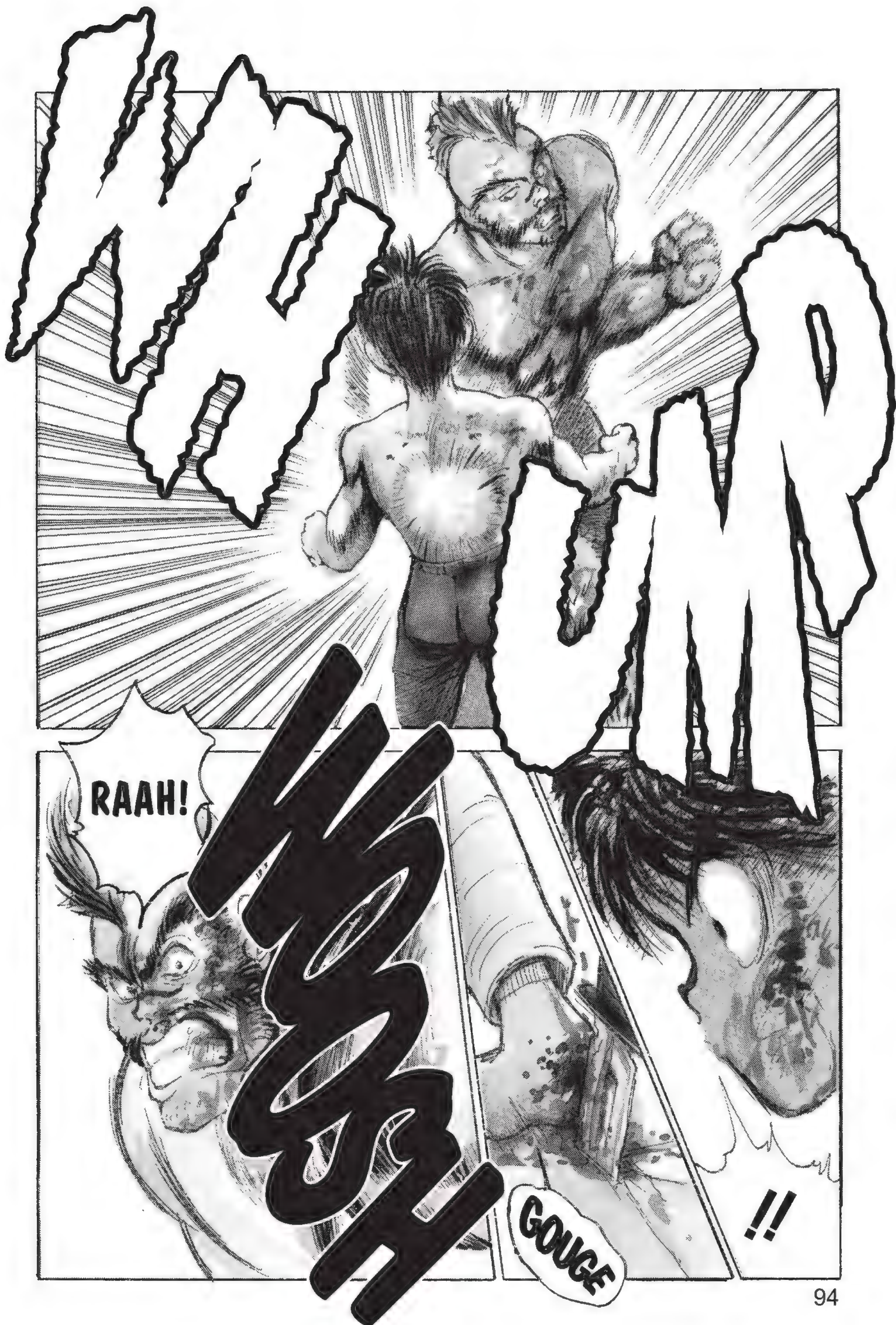


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BEGIN!!









THEY JUST
KEEP
POUNDING!

THEY'RE
FLIPPIN'
NUTS!

OH...

...
MAN...



NO...
JUST WAITING
FOR AN OPENING.
THE END WILL BE
QUICK!!



POW
POCK-BAM
POOM



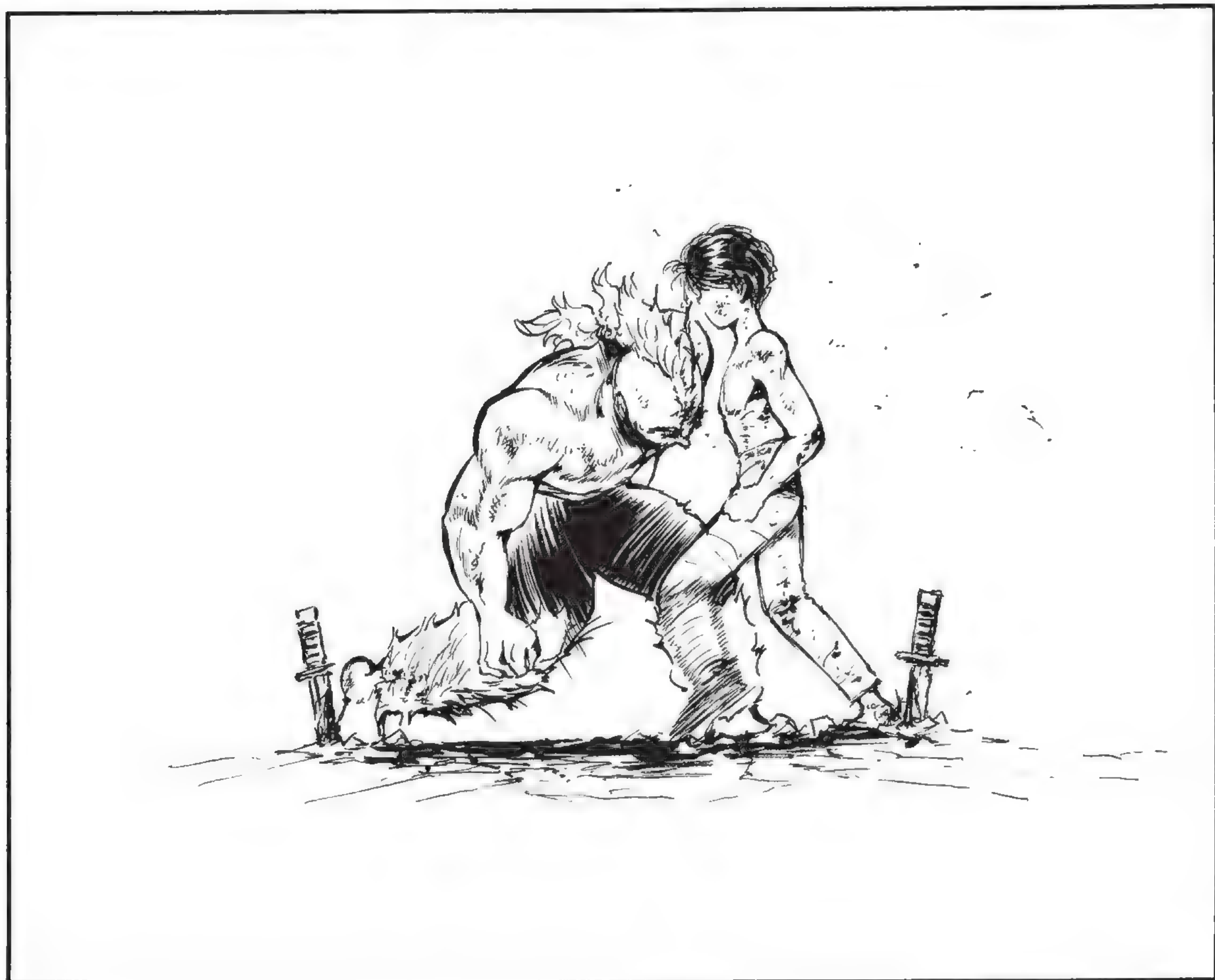
NARRRR!

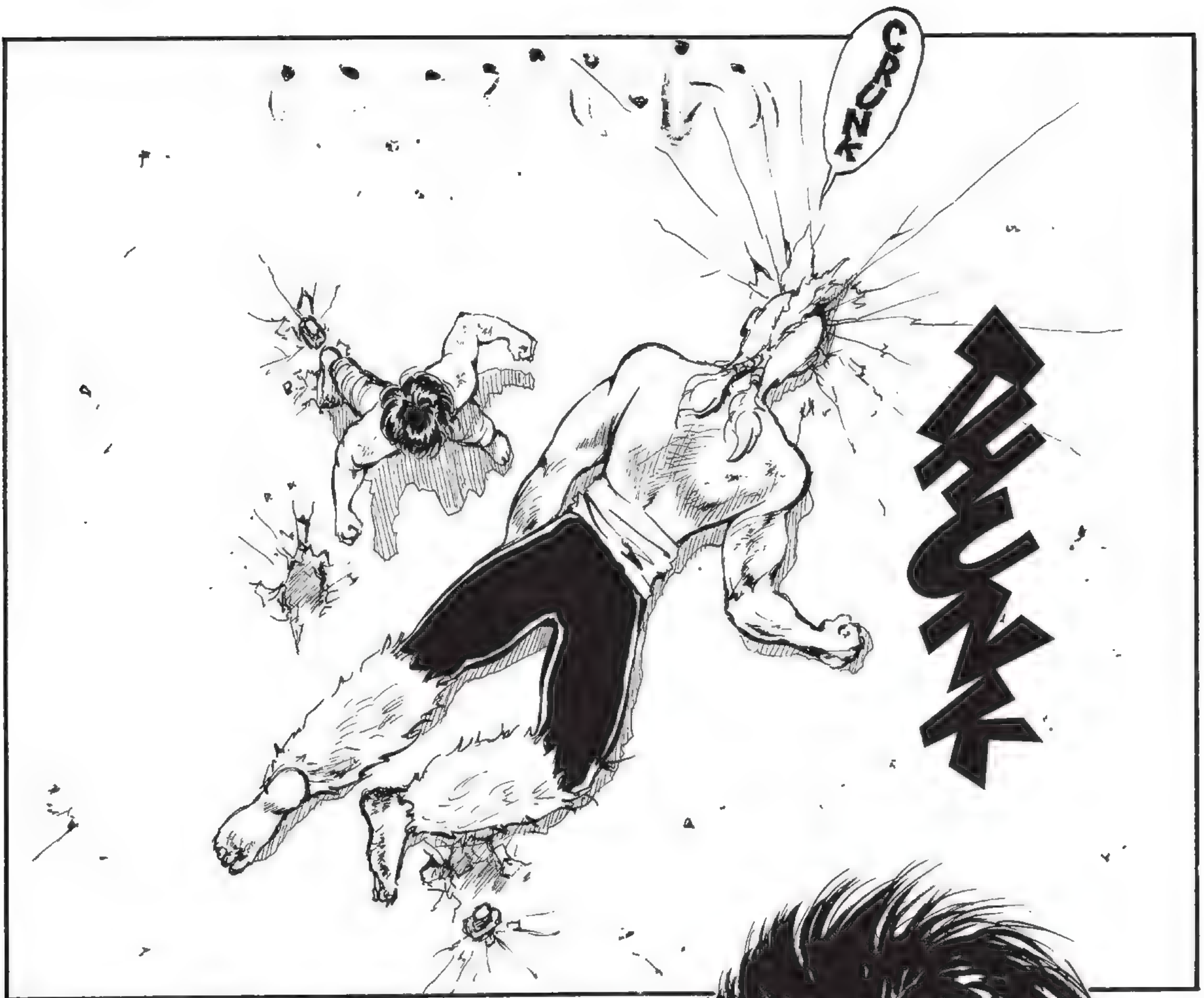


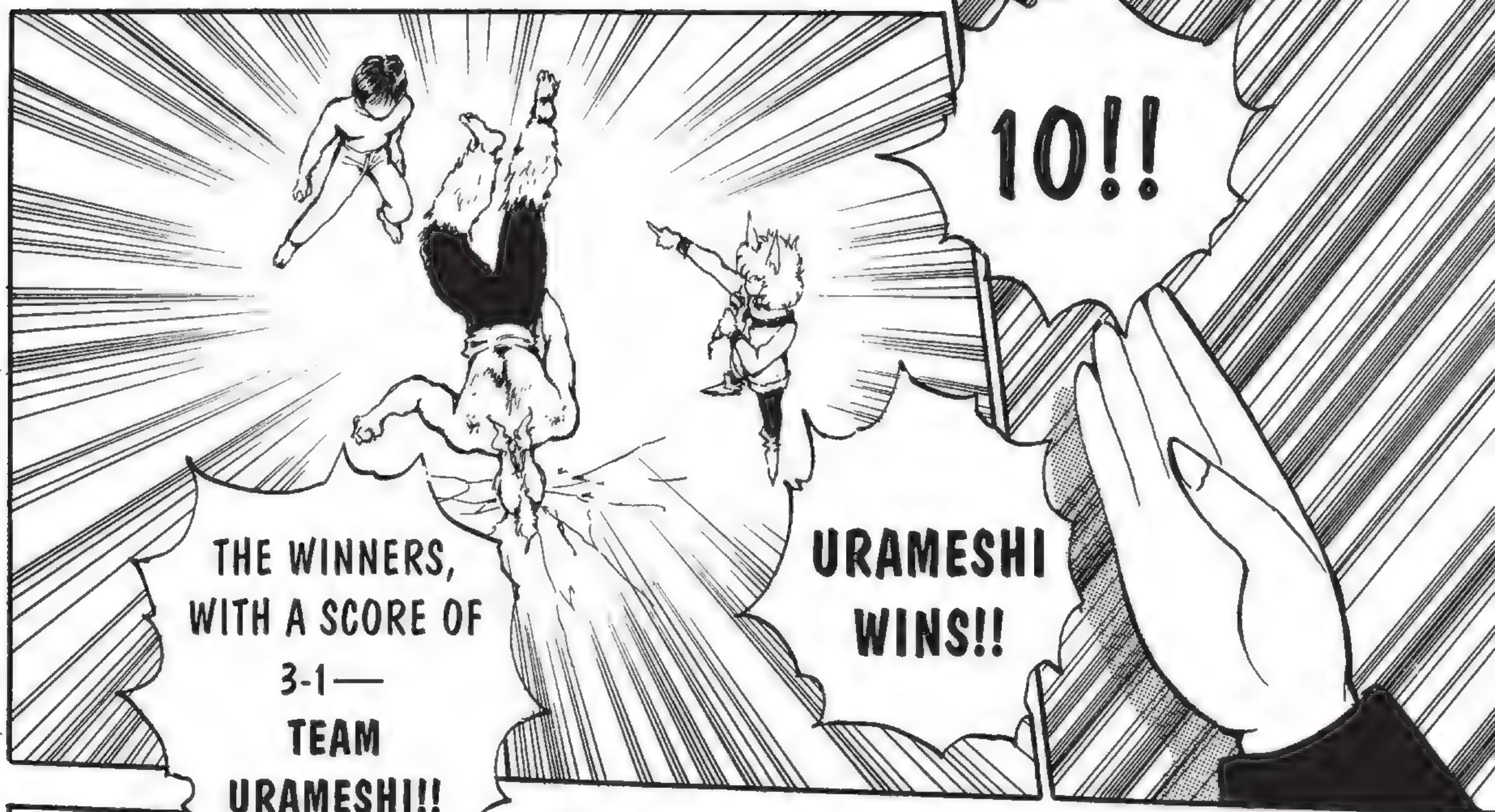




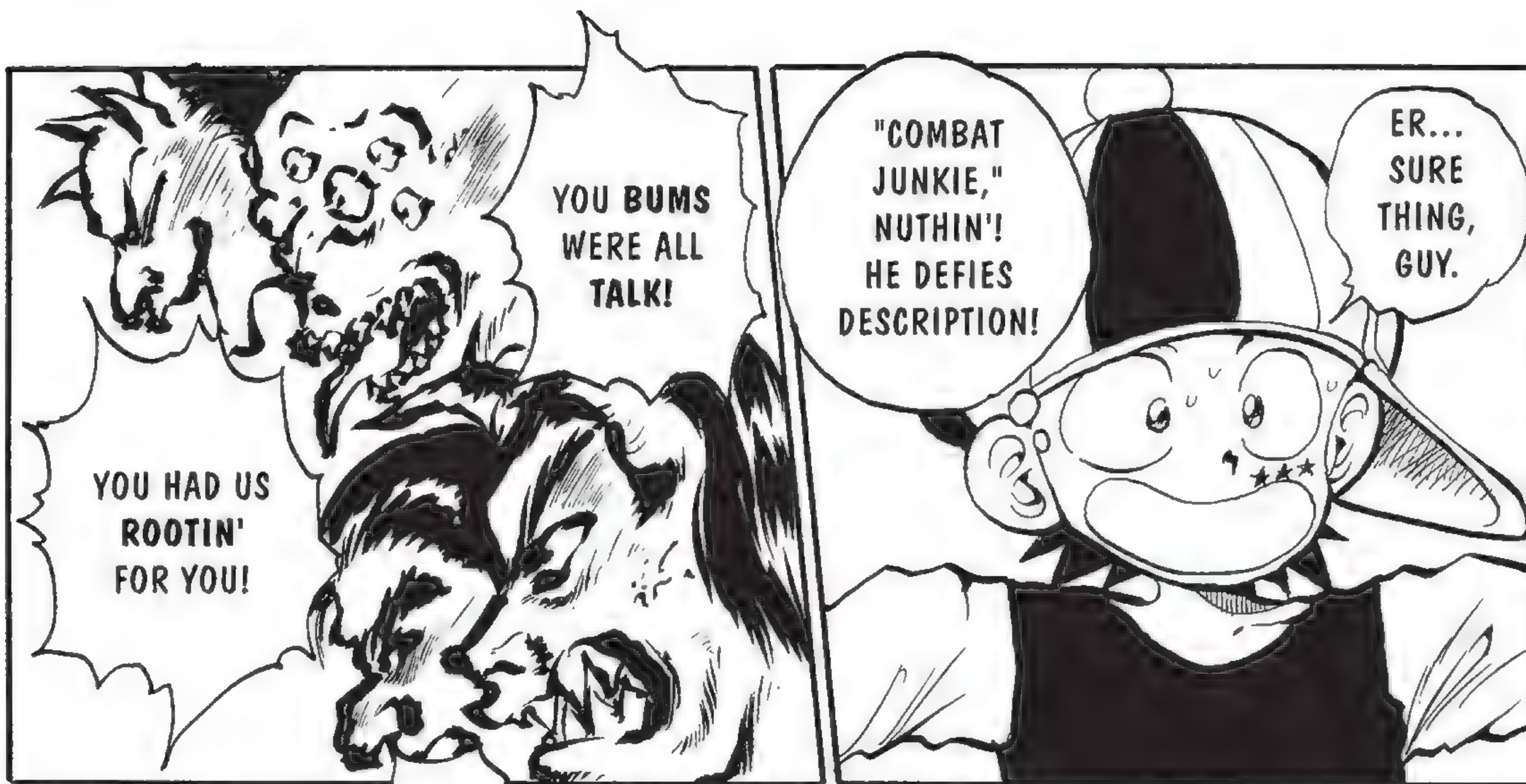










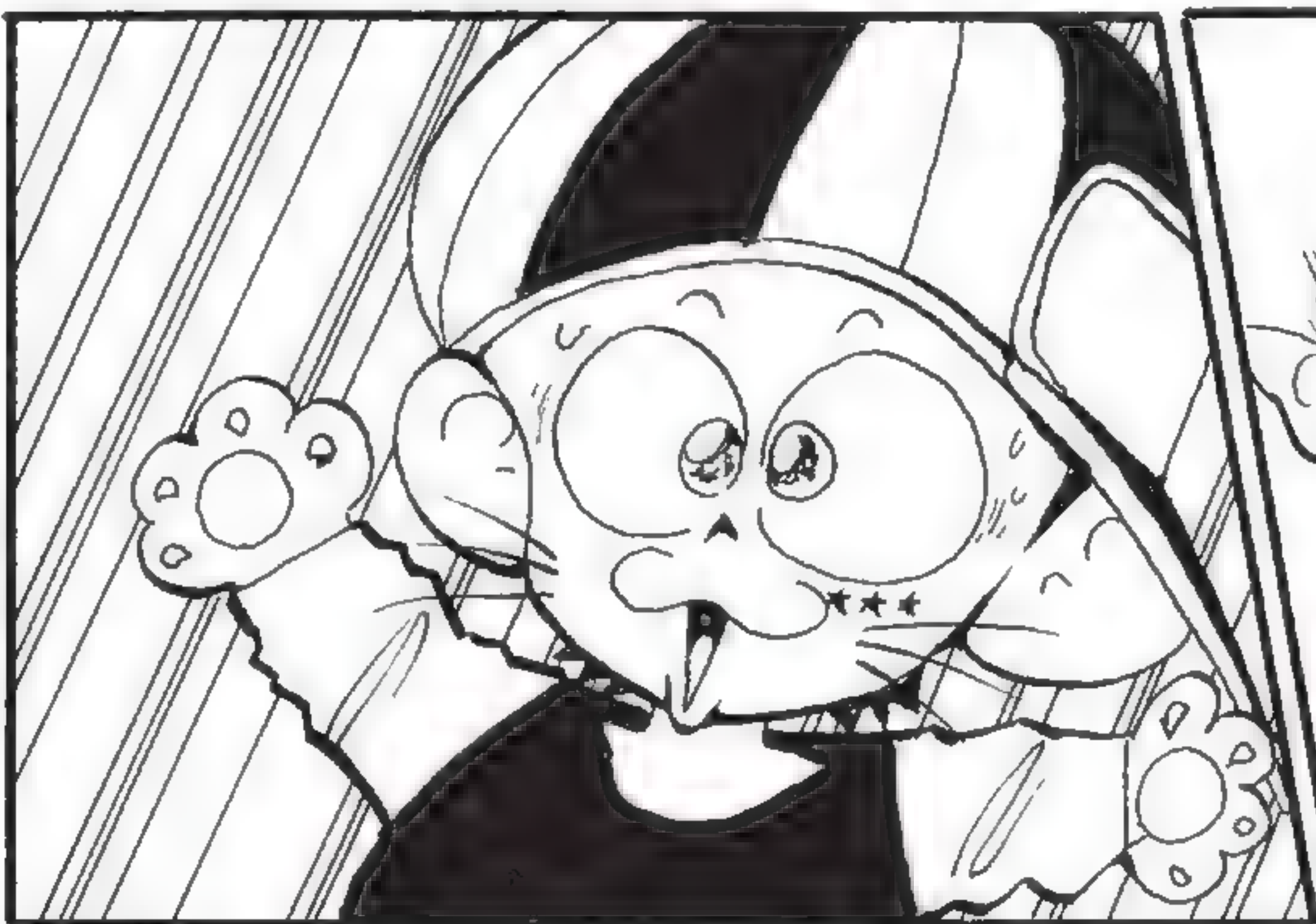


SOMETIMES JAPANESE WORDS FAIL...
WHAT A WEIRD COUNTRY WE LIVE IN.

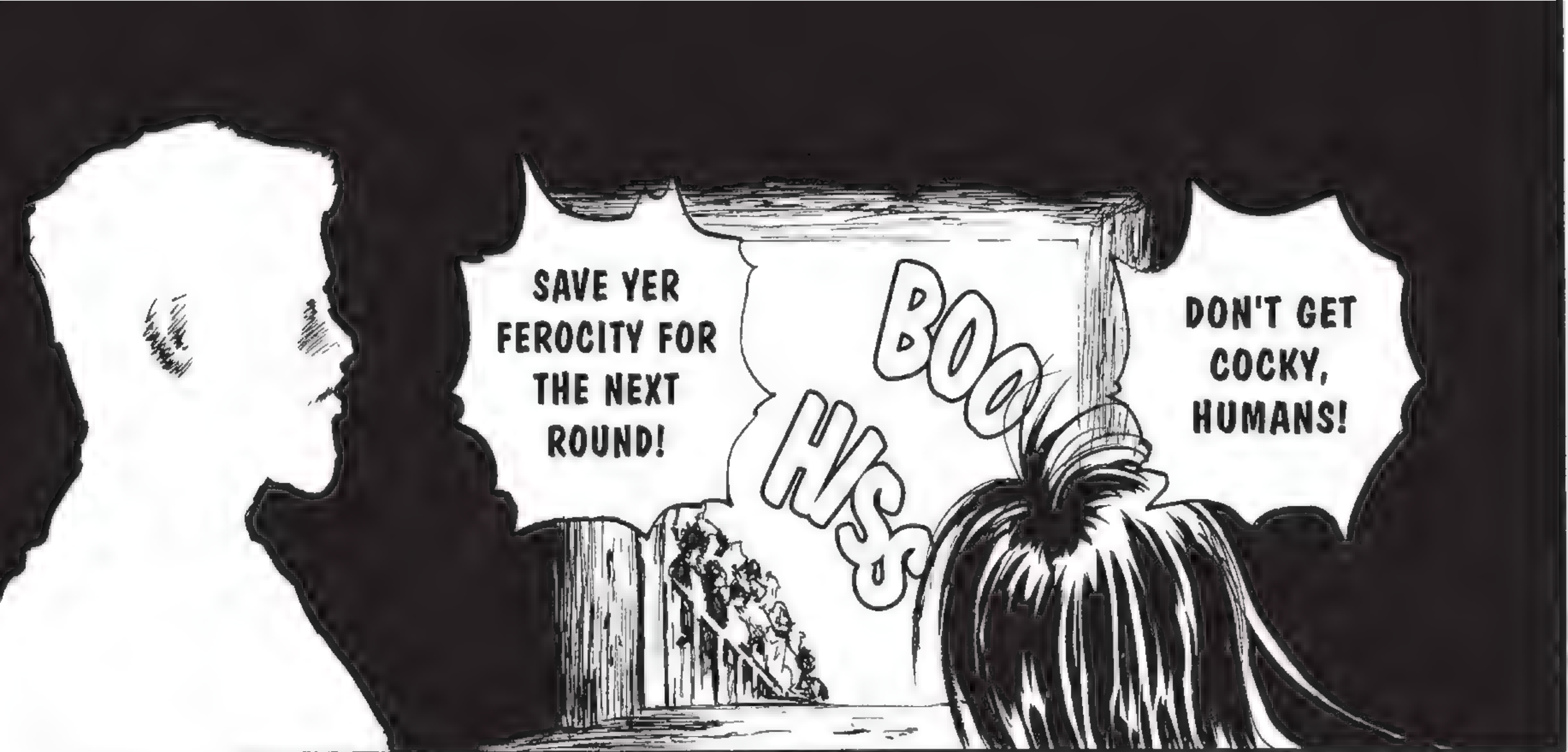




**SHUT
UP,
YOU
BUTT-
WIPES!!!**







SAVE YER
FEROCITY FOR
THE NEXT
ROUND!

BOO
H&S

DON'T GET
COCKY,
HUMANS!

THINK SO?
SEEMS TO
ME...

WE'LL BE
FACING HIM
BEFORE
LONG.

AND THAT,
KARASU, IS
YUSUKE
URAMESHI.



...HE'S
MADE A
FATAL
MISTAKE.

HE'S
USED UP
HIS
REIGUN.

I HAD A WEIRD DREAM.

WELL...
LEMME THINK
ABOUT IT...

WHY WAIT?
EMBRACE THE
INEVITABLE!

DIE NOW,
AND TAKE
ADVANTAGE
OF THIS
LIMITED-
TIME
OFFER!



THE TOP EIGHT LINE-UP!!

...AND YUSUKE AND
COMPANY ARE OFF
DOING THEIR OWN
THING BEFORE THE
NEXT BATTLE...

DAY TWO
OF THE
TOURNA-
MENT...

SPURT

WHOA—
HO!

....!!

THE WINNERS,
WITH A SCORE
OF 3-0 —
TEAM
ICHIGAKI!!

WINNER BY
A HEAD —
M-3!

THE TOP EIGHT LINE-UP!!





DON'T GIVE
A SNORT ABOUT
RULES!!
I KILL DEM, DEN
MATCH DONE!

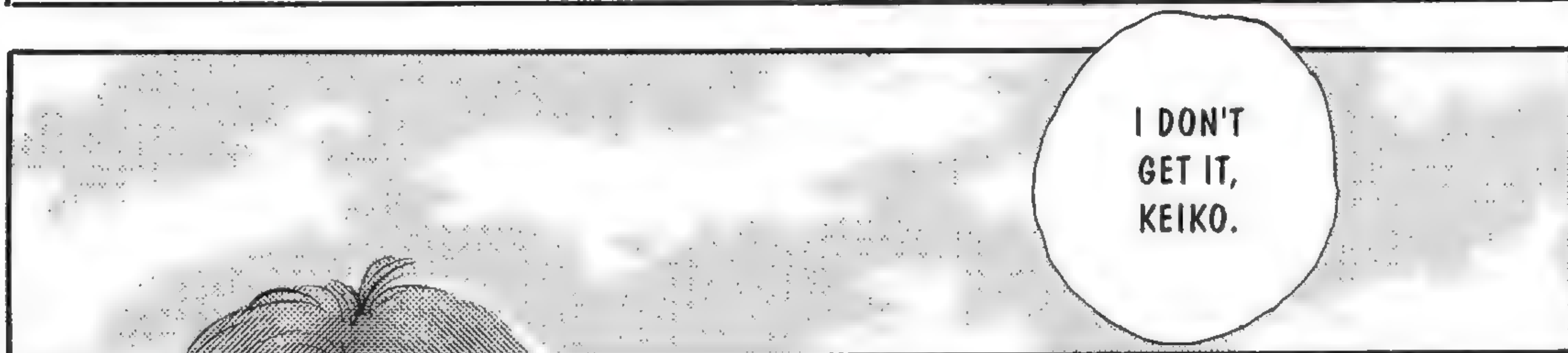
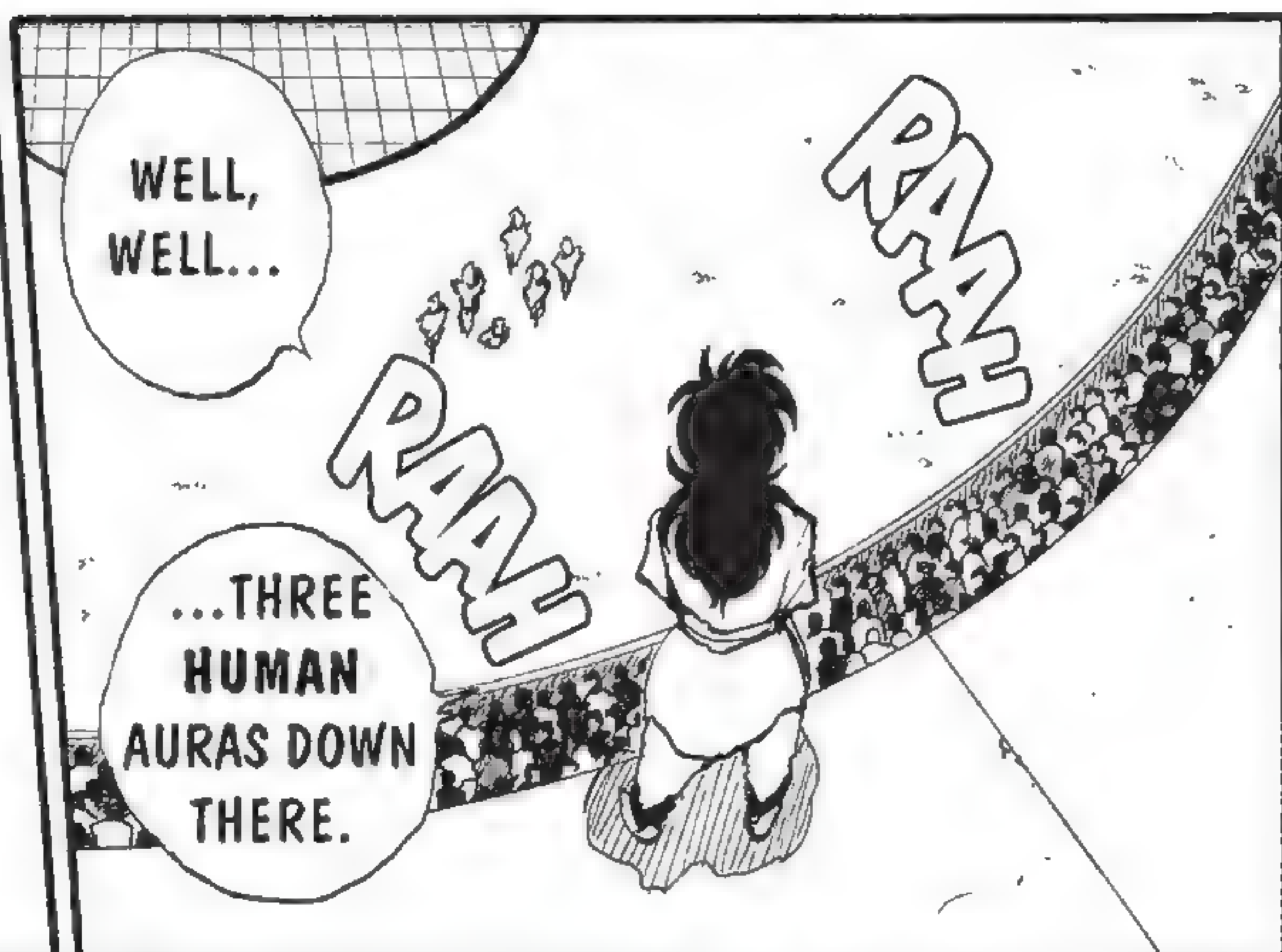
IS NOT DE
END UV IT BY
A LONG SNOT!

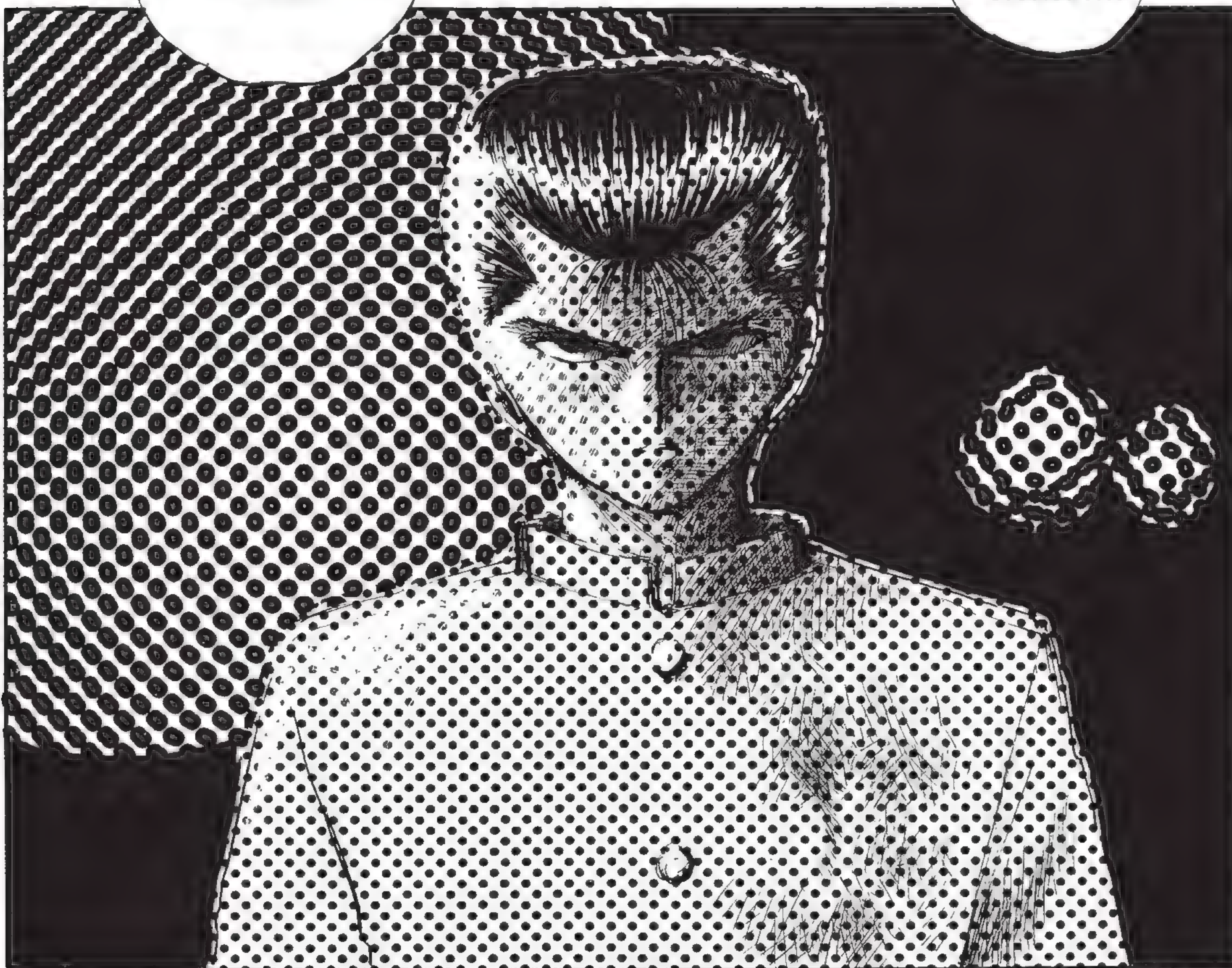
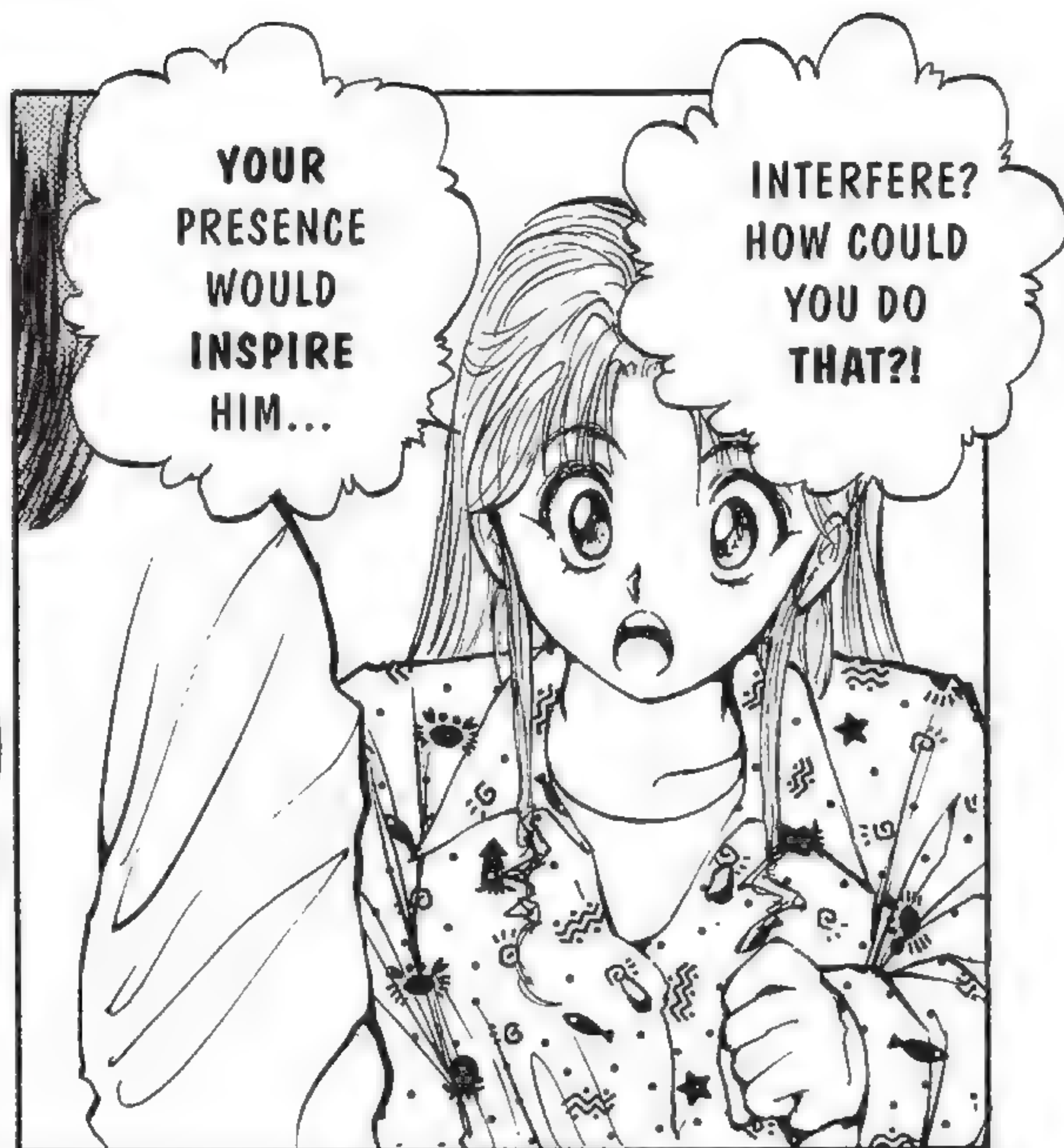
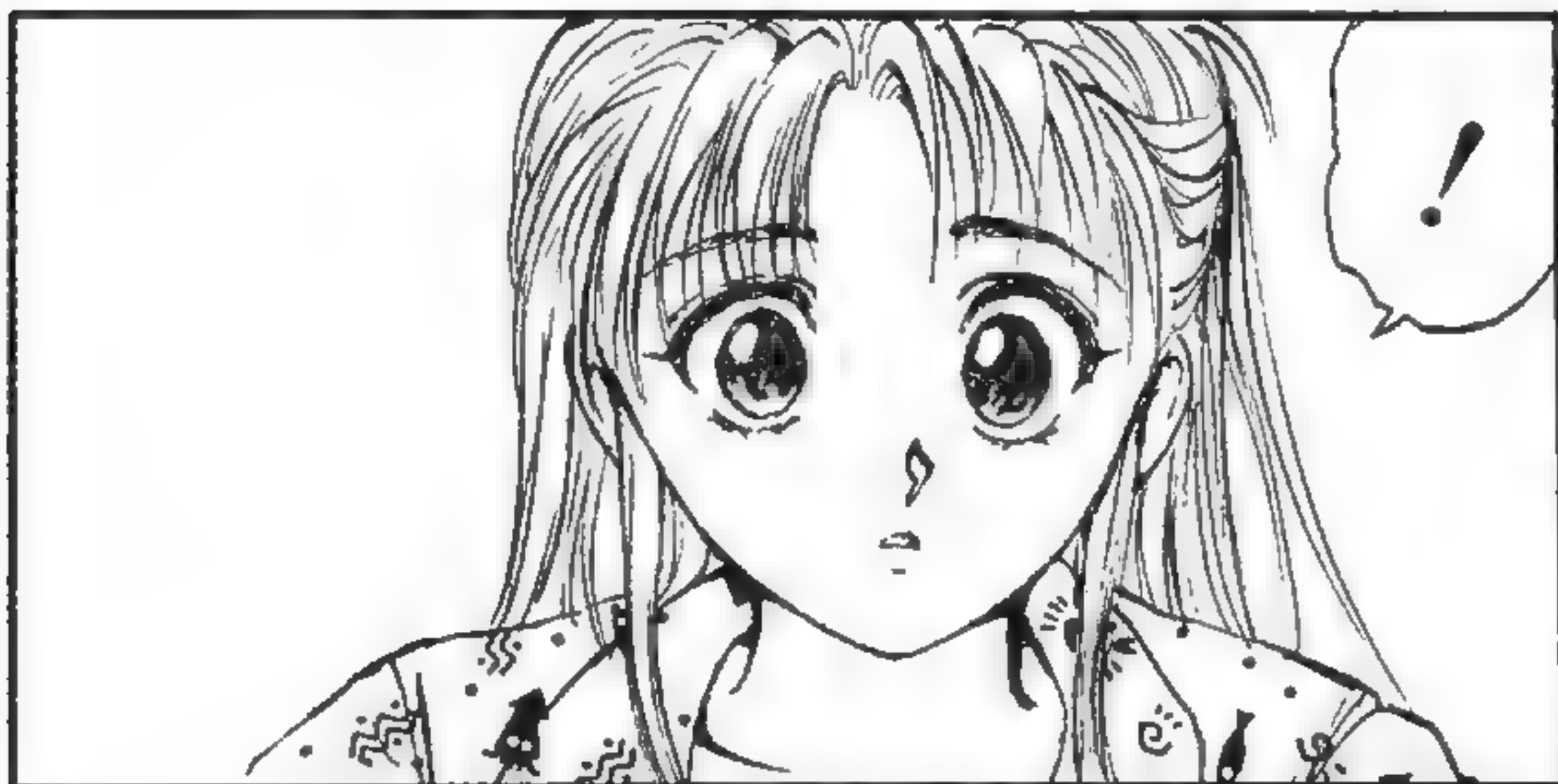


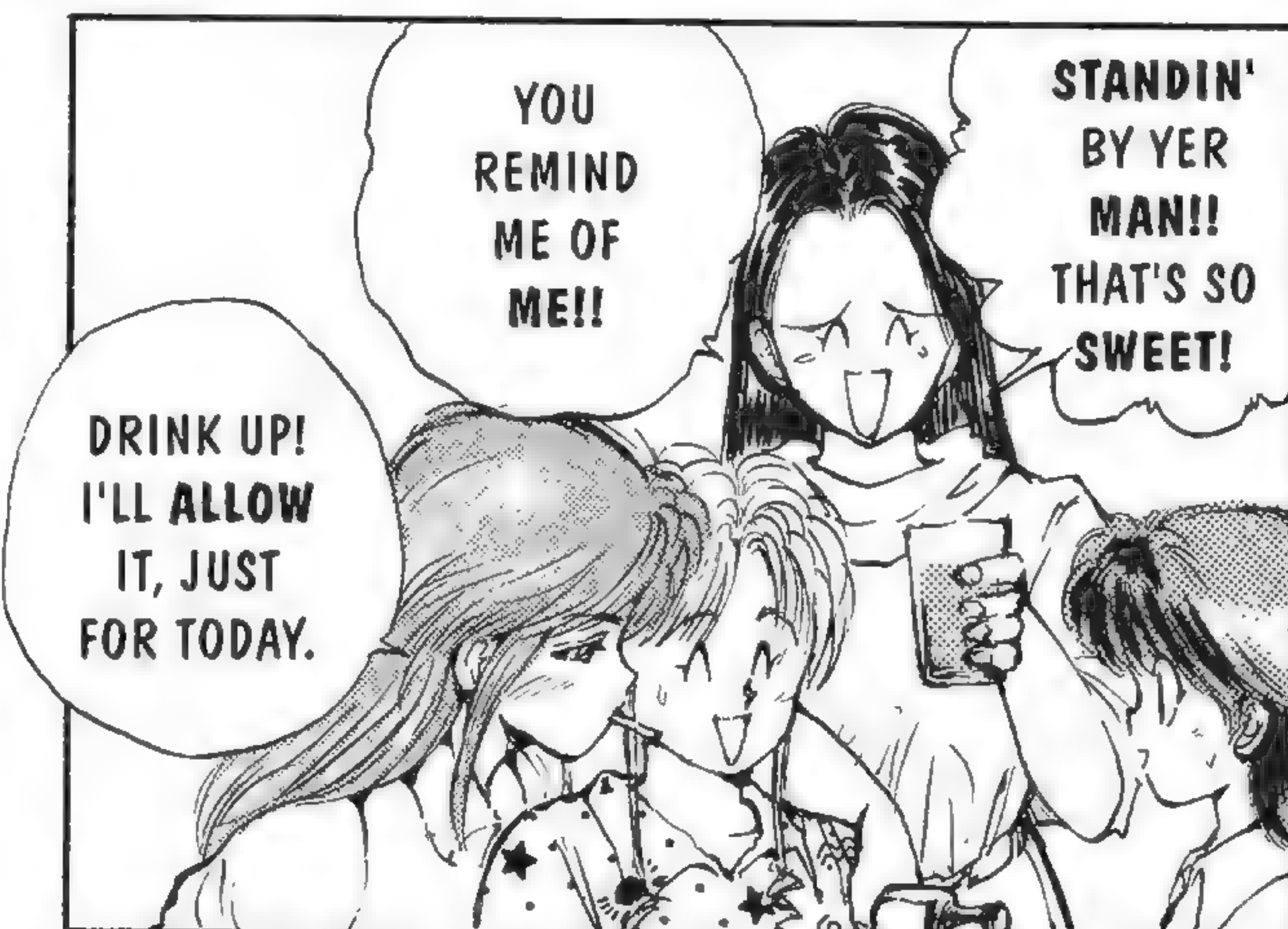
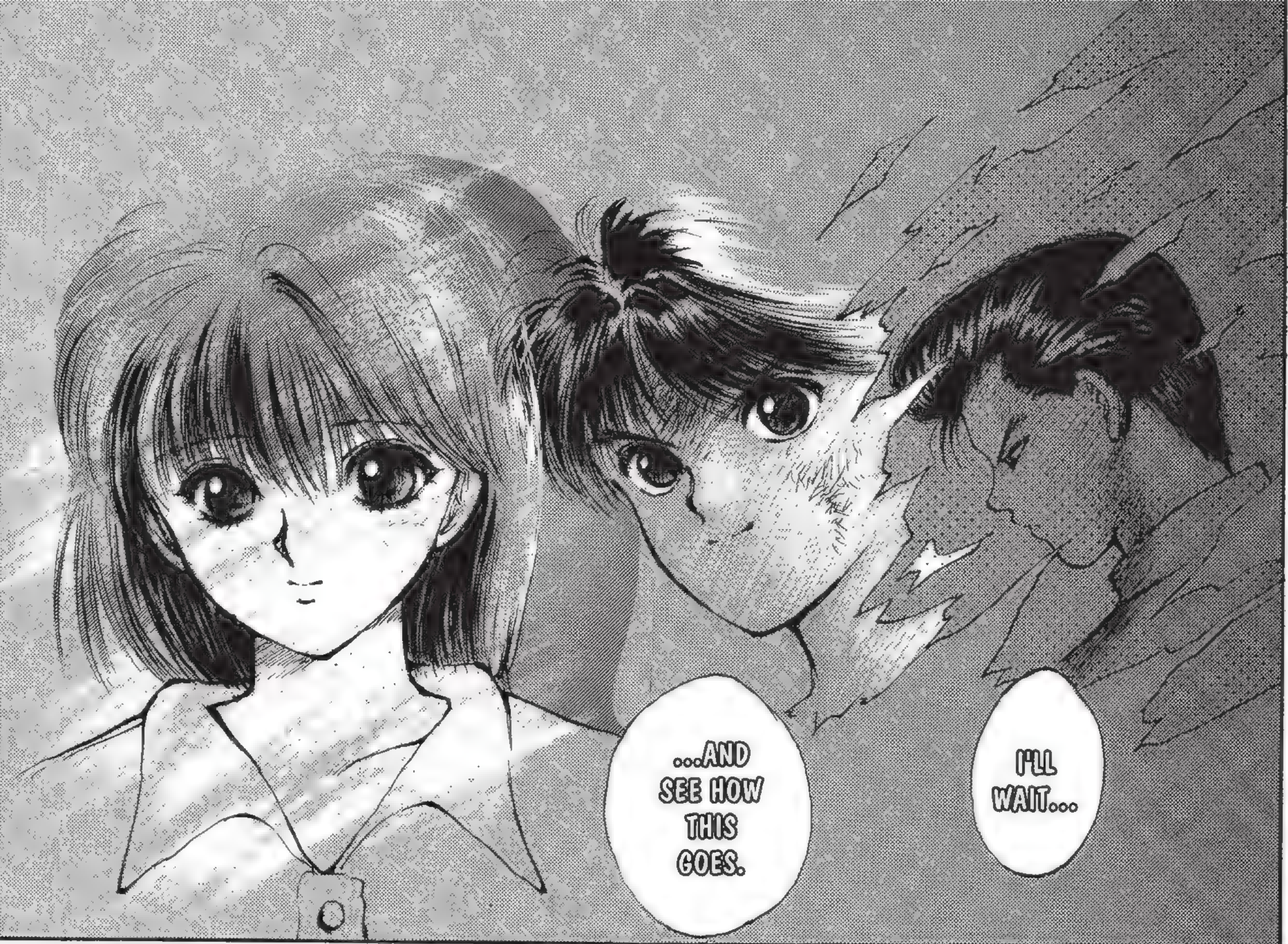




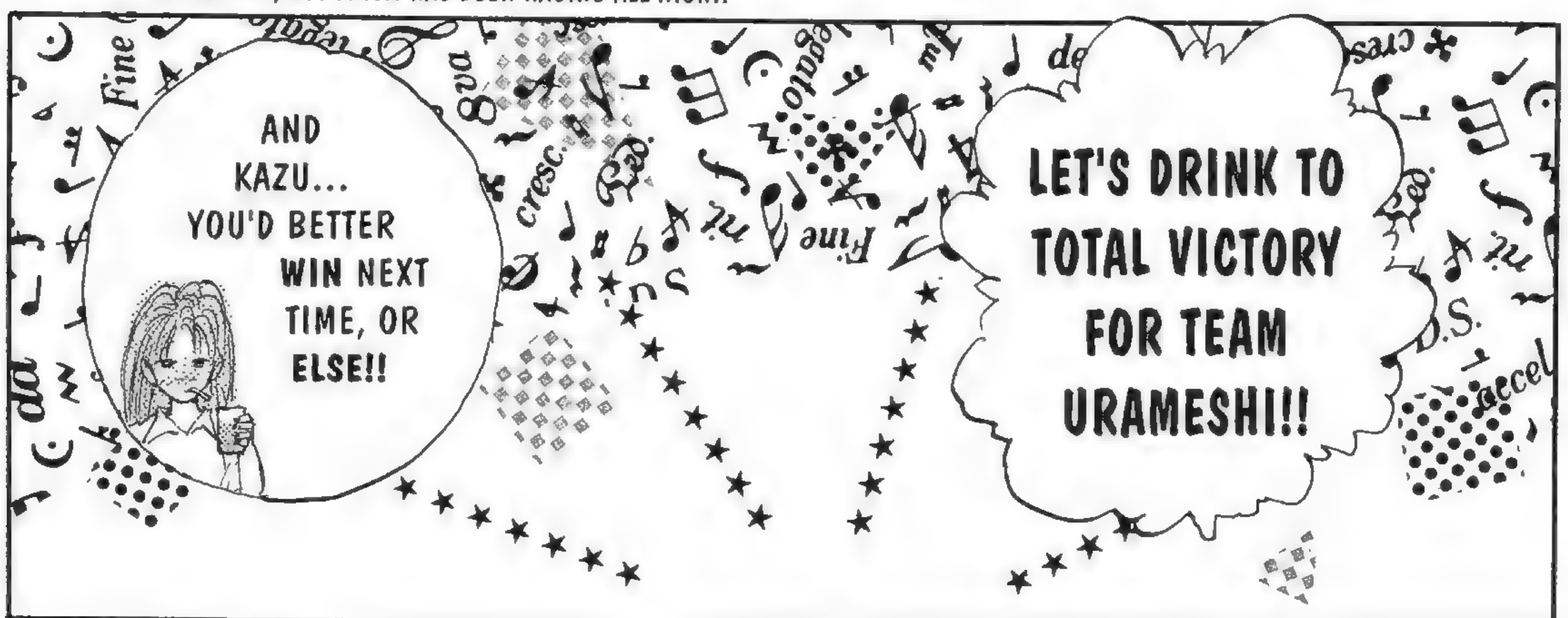


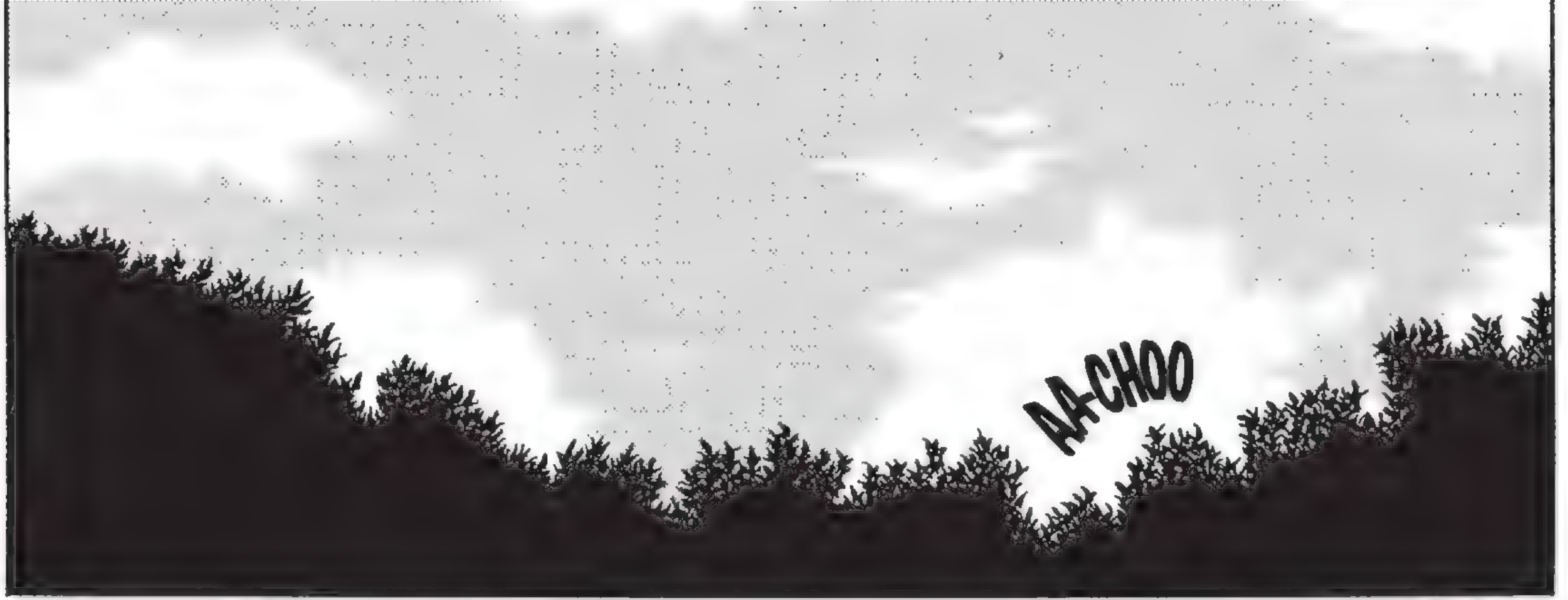




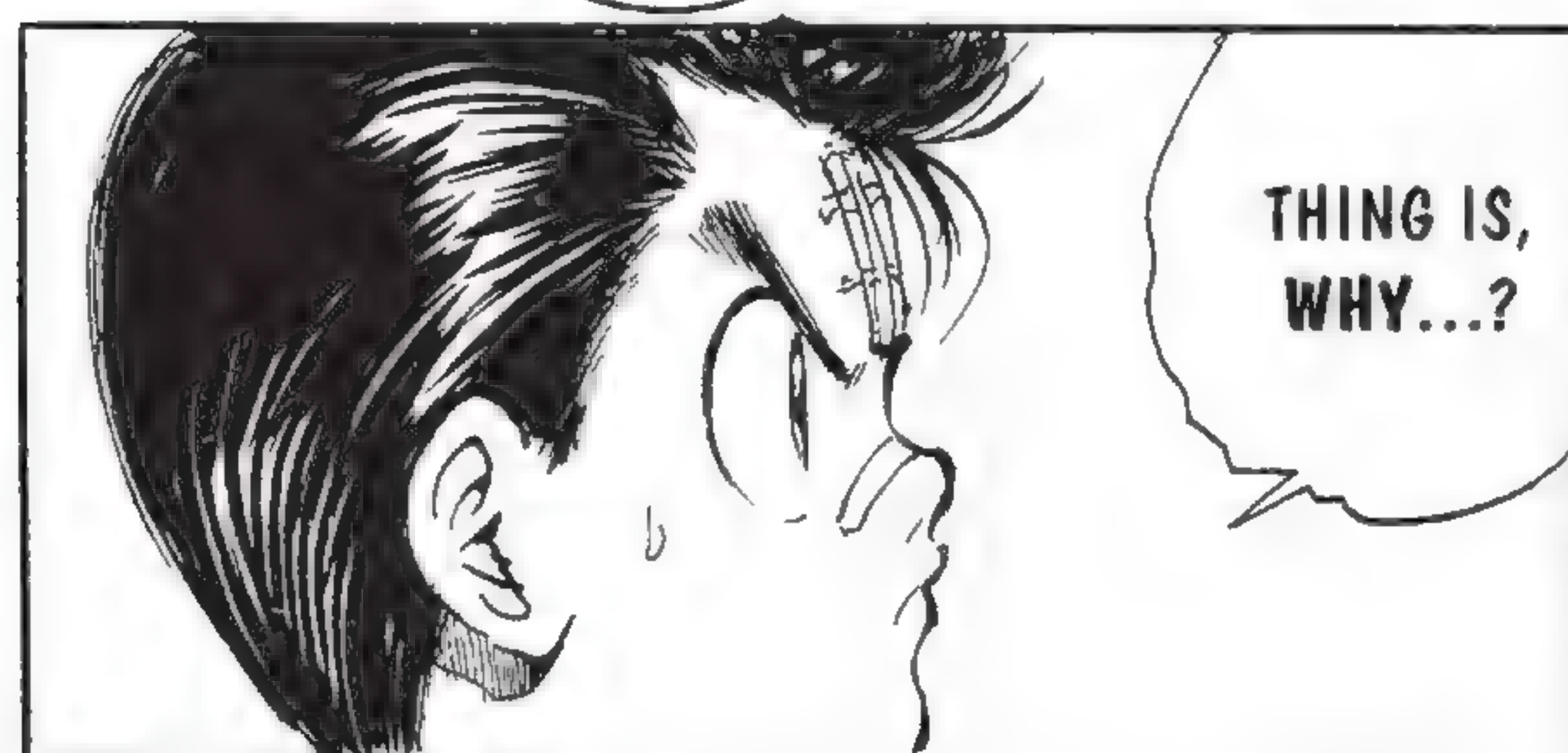


OF COURSE, HEDONISM HAS BEEN RAGING ALL NIGHT.





KURAMA'S MEDICINAL HERB PATCH



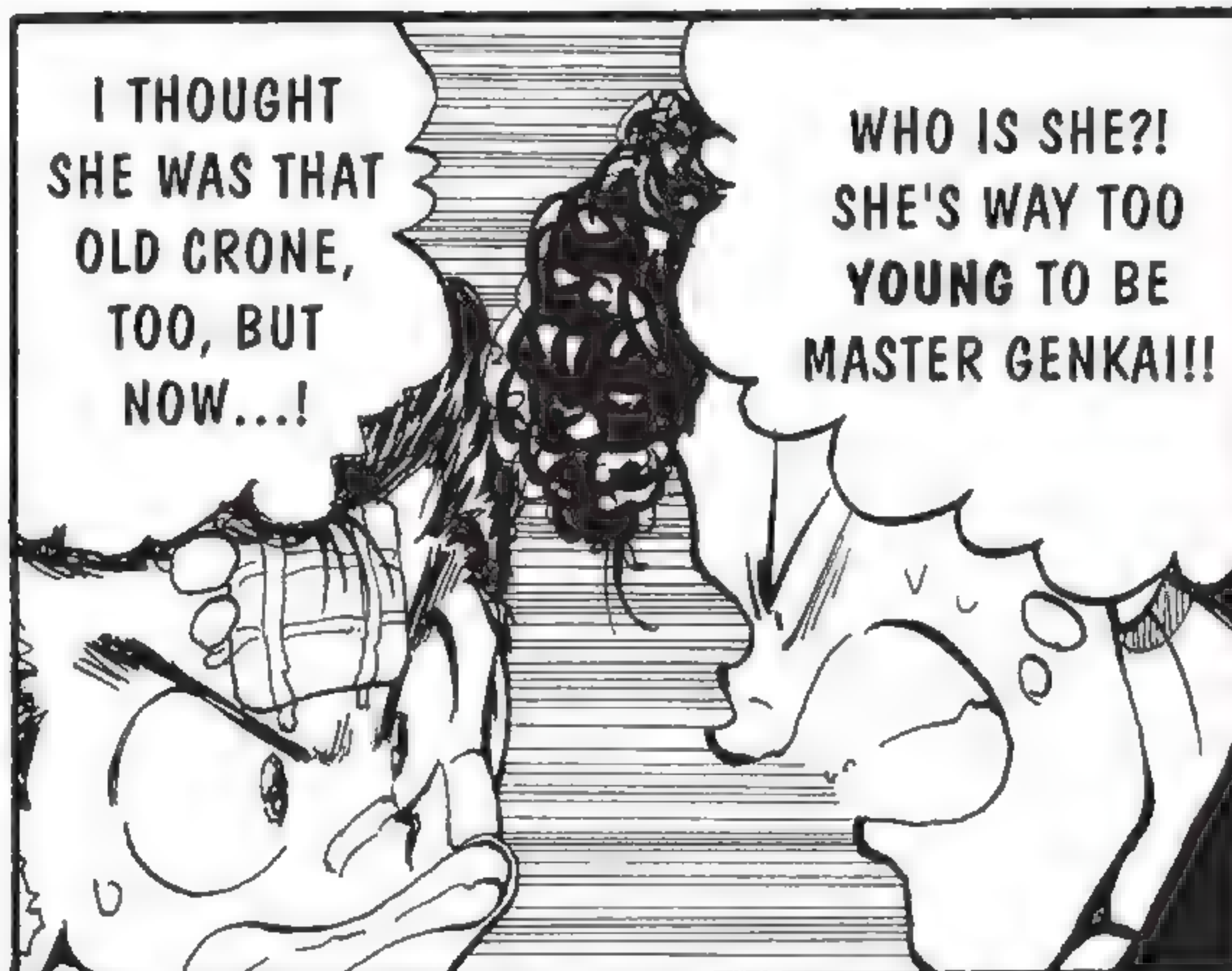


BECAUSE THAT
SPLIT DECISION
SUCKED YOU
DRY.



IT'S AN ADVANCED
TECHNIQUE, FAR
BEYOND ANYONE
WITH ONLY SIX
MONTHS'
TRAINING.

RAPID FIRE
IS NOT FOR
BEGINNERS.



I THOUGHT
SHE WAS THAT
OLD CRONE,
TOO, BUT
NOW...!

WHO IS SHE?!
SHE'S WAY TOO
YOUNG TO BE
MASTER GENKAI!!



OR YOU'LL
RUIN YOUR
ARM, LIKE
SOMEONE
ELSE WE
KNOW.

DON'T USE
YOUR REIGUN
UNTIL YOU'RE
FULLY
RECOVERED.





AND THE
FINAL
PRELIMINARY
ROUND!



WE NOW
COME TO THE
FOURTH
MATCH OF
THE DAY!

LOTS WILL THEN BE
DRAWN FOR THE
FINAL ORDER OF
BATTLE!!

TEAM
URAMESHI

MYTH-BEGOTTEN
MANGLERS

TEAM
ICHIGAKI

DIABLO
TROOPERS

HIGH-FIVE
RANGERS

DEADLY
HALF-DOZEN

SHADOW
CHANNELERS

THE WINNER
WILL FILL THE
FINAL SLOT IN
THE TOP EIGHT!

AND HERE THEY
ARE, LAST
TOURNAMENT'S
WINNERS—
TEAM TOGURO!!





WHERE'S
YER TEAM,
DUDE?

?

THEIR
OPPONENTS—
BAAL'S
BERSERKERS!

THEY'RE
OVERRATED,
REALLY...

...SO I
THOUGHT I'D
FLY SOLO.



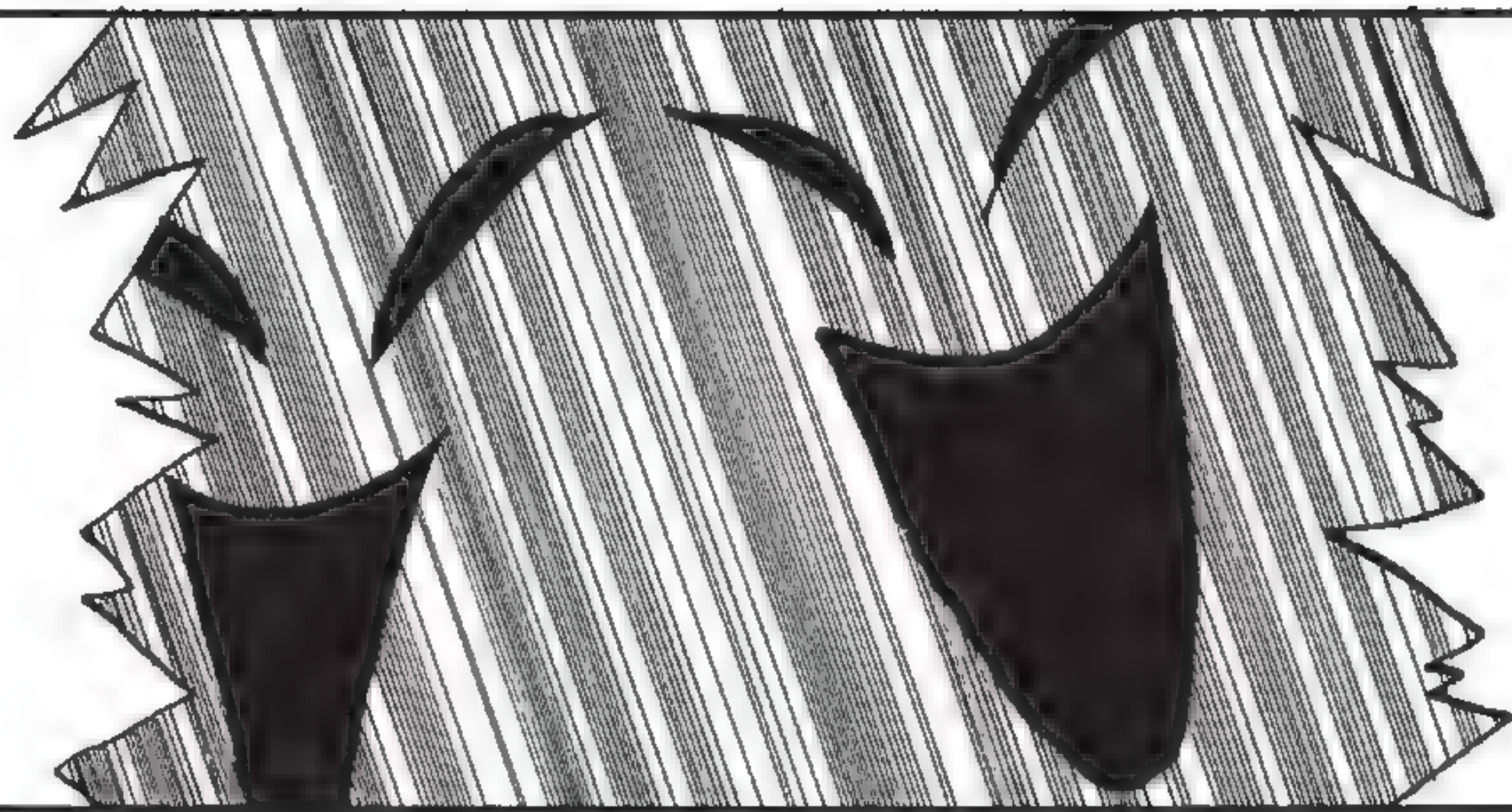
YOU WANNA
FIGHT FIVE-
ON-ONE?

I DON'T
BELIEVE
THIS!

...OR
WE CAN MAKE
IT A PROCESS OF
ELIMINATION.

I'D GO
FOR
THAT...

ALL RIGHT!
THE GAME'S
FIVE-ON-ONE!
YEE-HAH!!



HA HA HA! ONE
TOURNAMENT
VICTORY, AND
IT'S GONE
RIGHT TO THIS
IDIOT'S HEAD!!

STAY
SHARP AS
WELL,
OKAY?



PRETTY
SURE.

YOU SURE
ABOUT THIS,
TOGURO?!



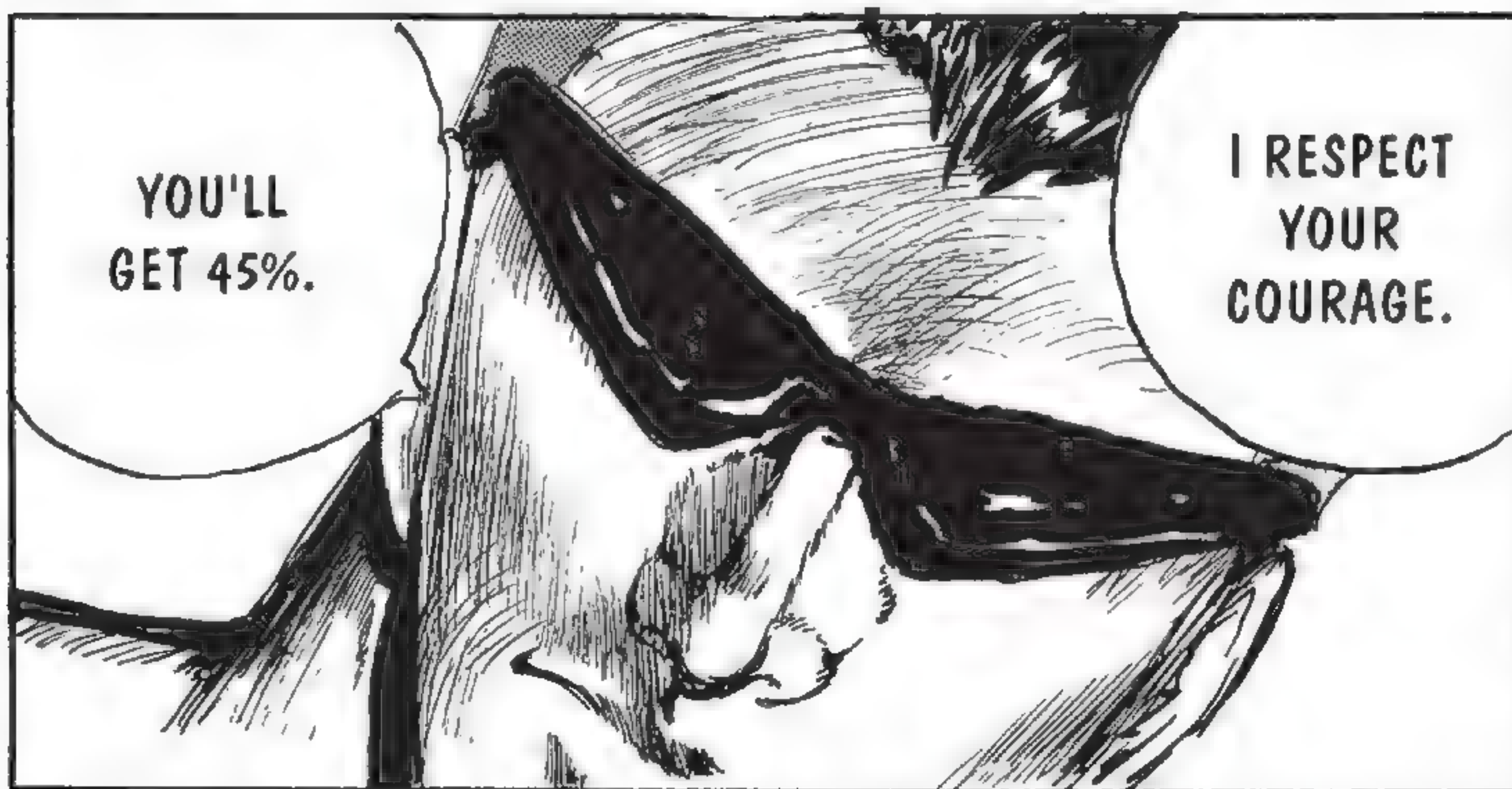
NUURRR!!

BEGIN!!



YOU'LL
GET 45%.

I RESPECT
YOUR
COURAGE.







NOT A GOOD
DAY FOR THE
BIG GUYS.

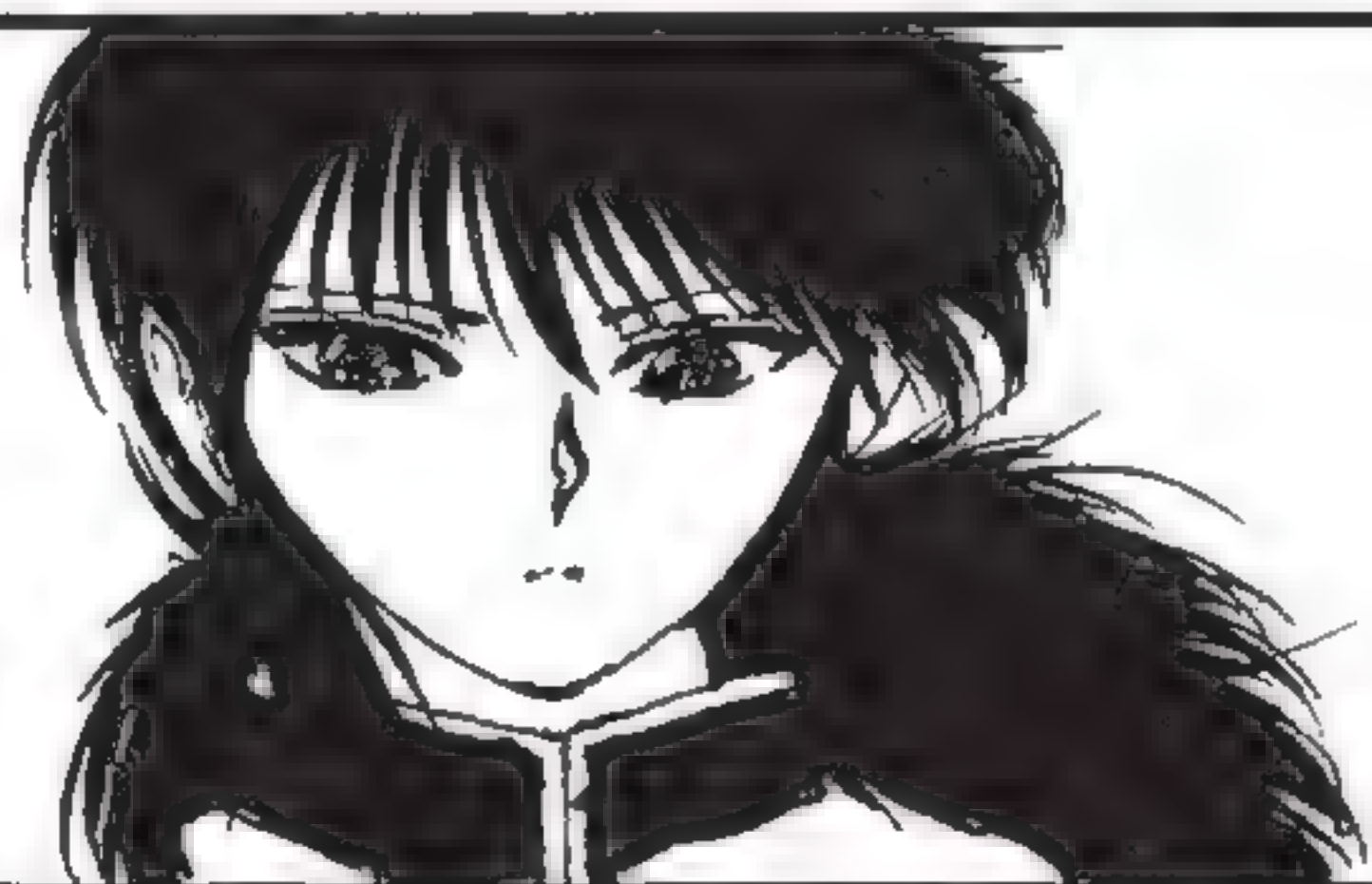


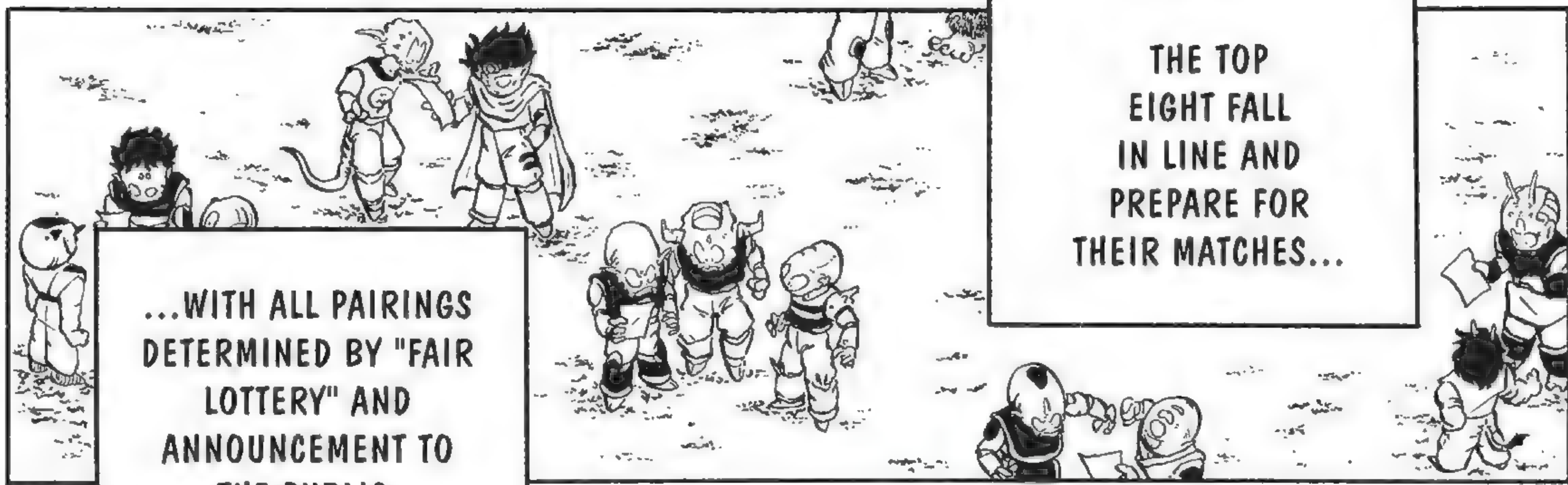


**TEAM TOGURO
WILL FILL THE
EIGHTH SLOT!!**

**THE
WINNER—
TOGURO!!**

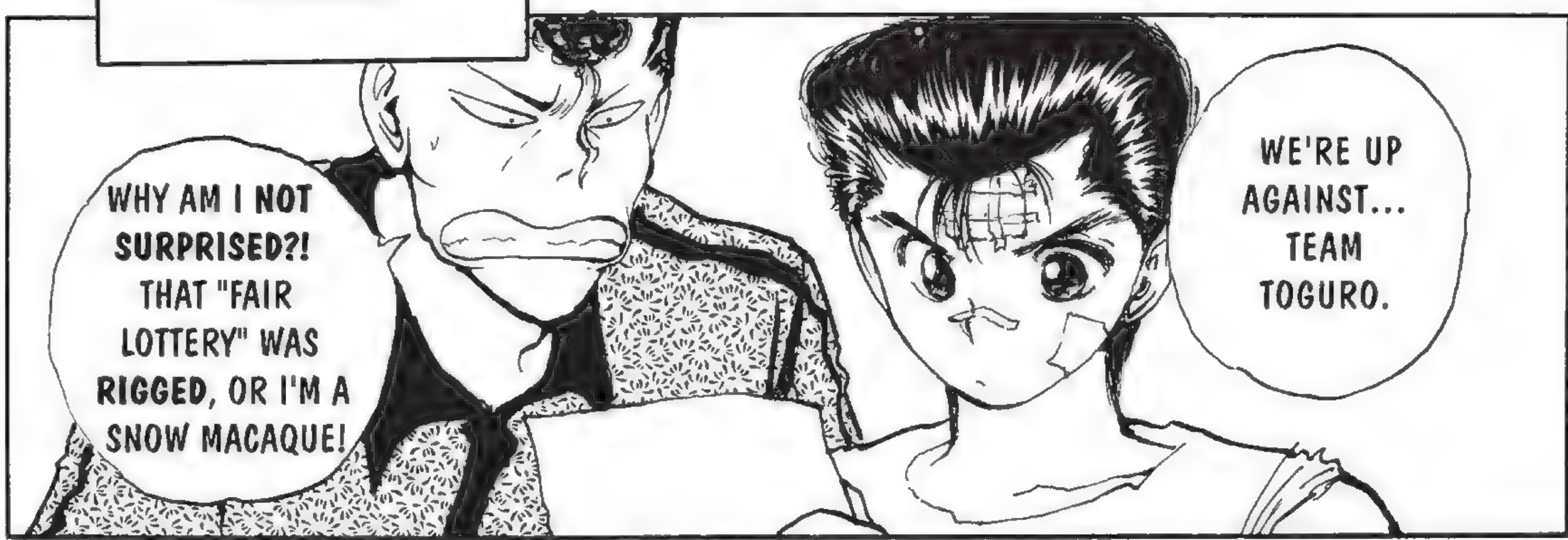
**THAT KIND
OF POWER...
AMAZING!**





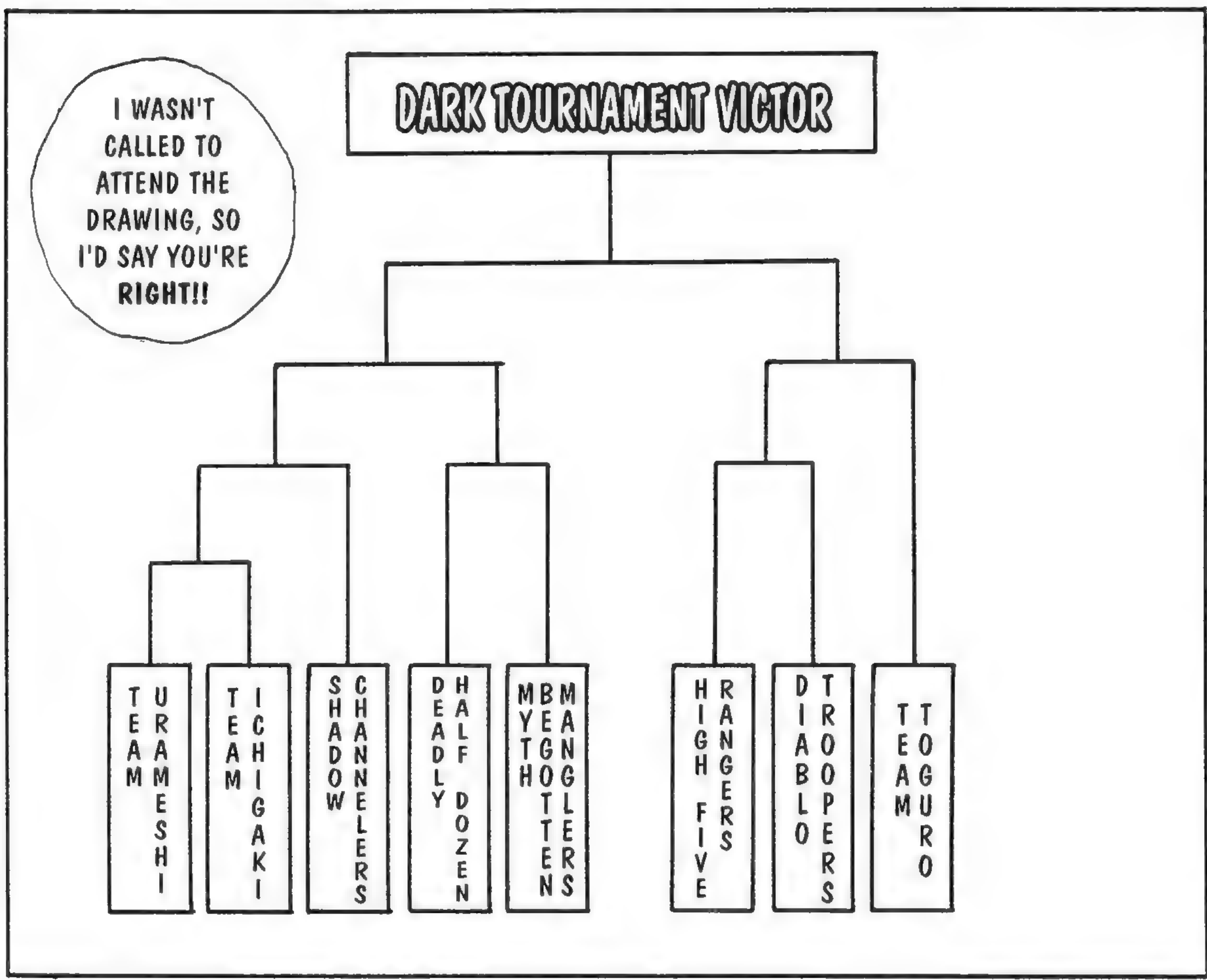
...WITH ALL PAIRINGS DETERMINED BY "FAIR LOTTERY" AND ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE PUBLIC.

THE TOP EIGHT FALL IN LINE AND PREPARE FOR THEIR MATCHES...



WHY AM I NOT SURPRISED?! THAT "FAIR LOTTERY" WAS RIGGED, OR I'M A SNOW MACAQUE!

WE'RE UP AGAINST... TEAM TOGURO.



WHENEVER I LOOK IN THE MIRROR
THESE DAYS, I SEE A FREAK.

EEK!

WHO ARE
YOU?



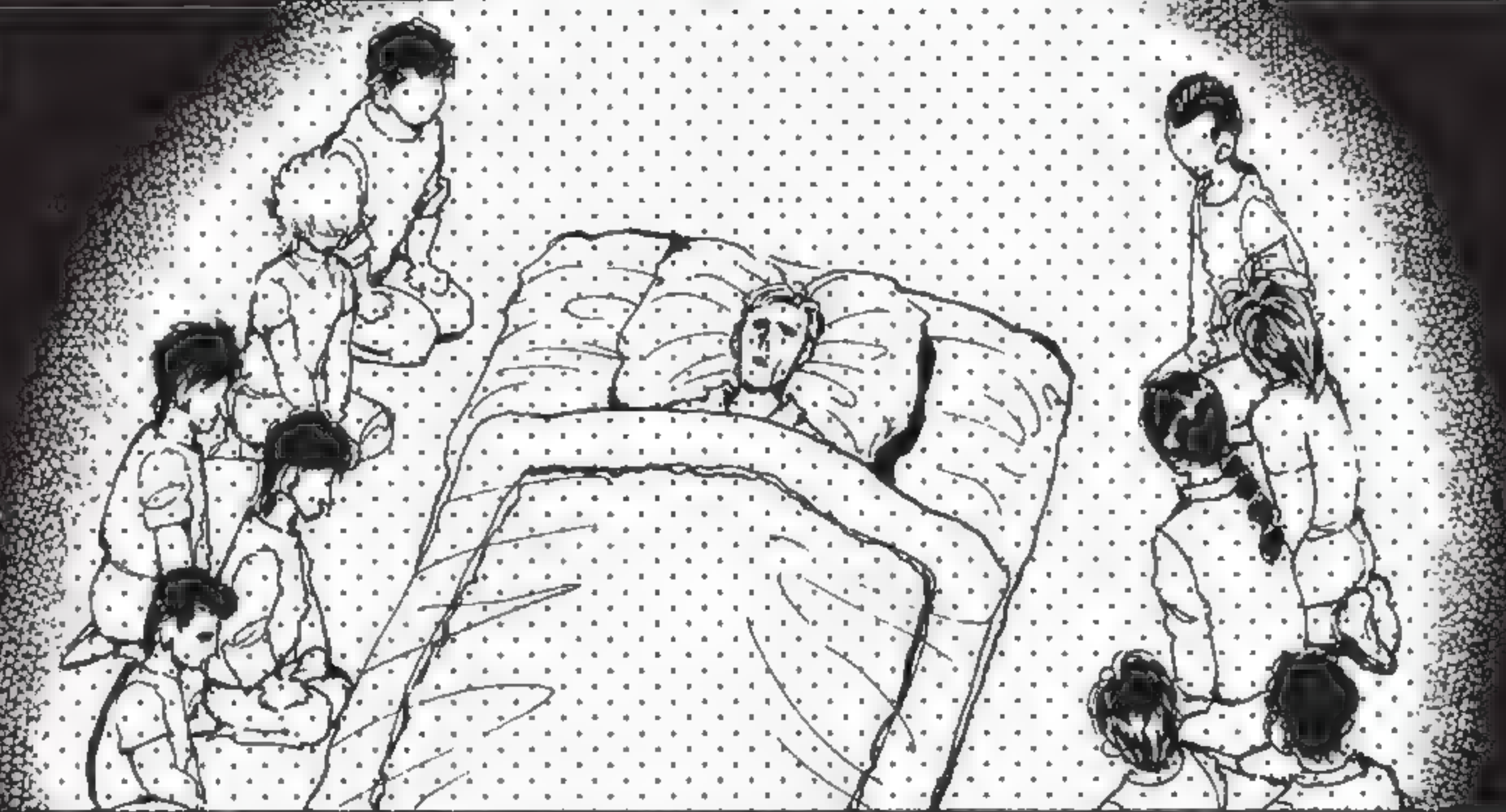
IT'S YOU,
DIM BULB.

THE SECOND ROUND BEGINS!!

PLEASE
DON'T
DIE!!

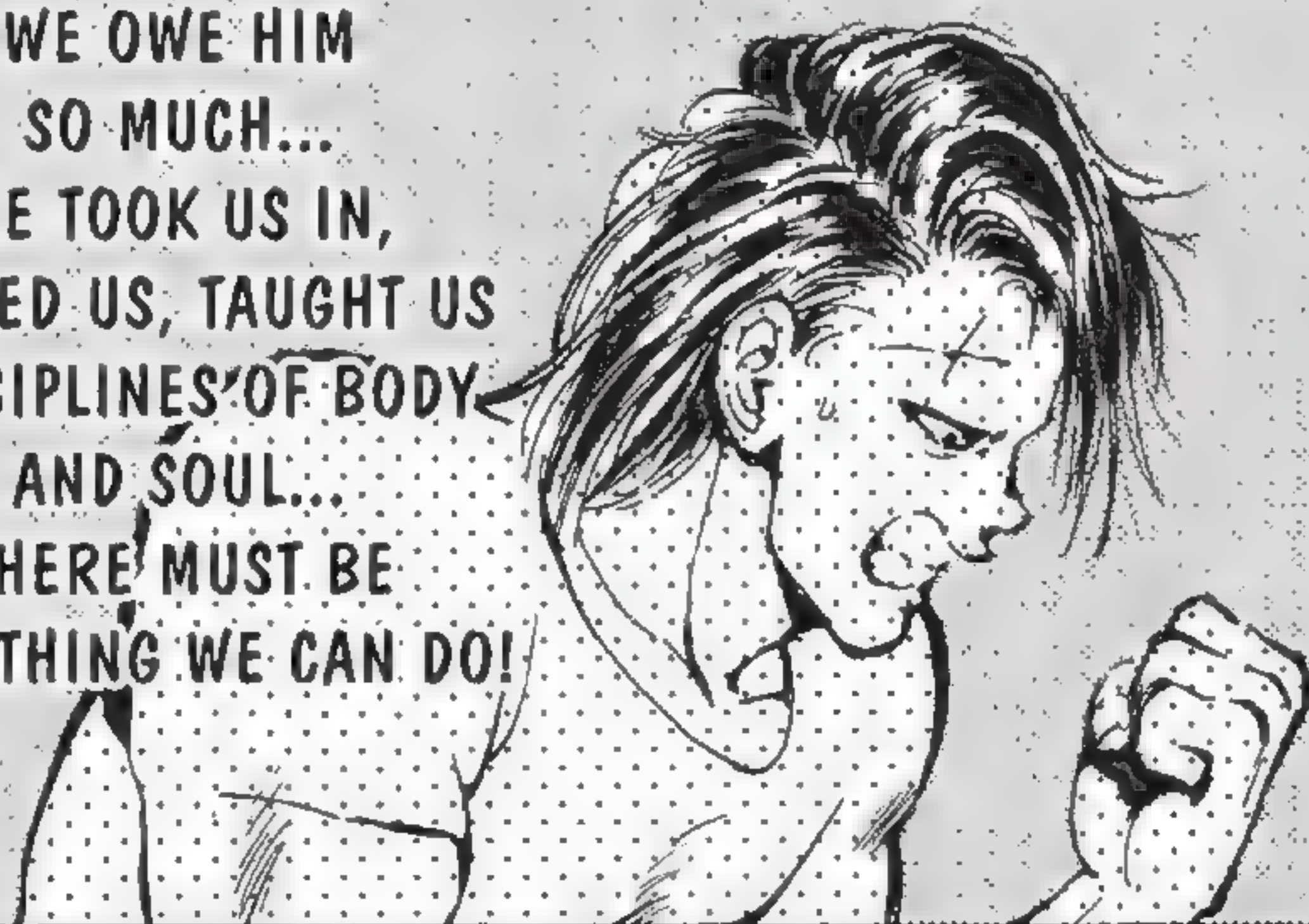
MASTER!!
MASTER
MITAMURA!!

BUT I'VE NO
REGRETS...
YOU
WONDERFUL
CHILDREN
ARE HERE
WITH ME TO
EASE MY
PASSING.

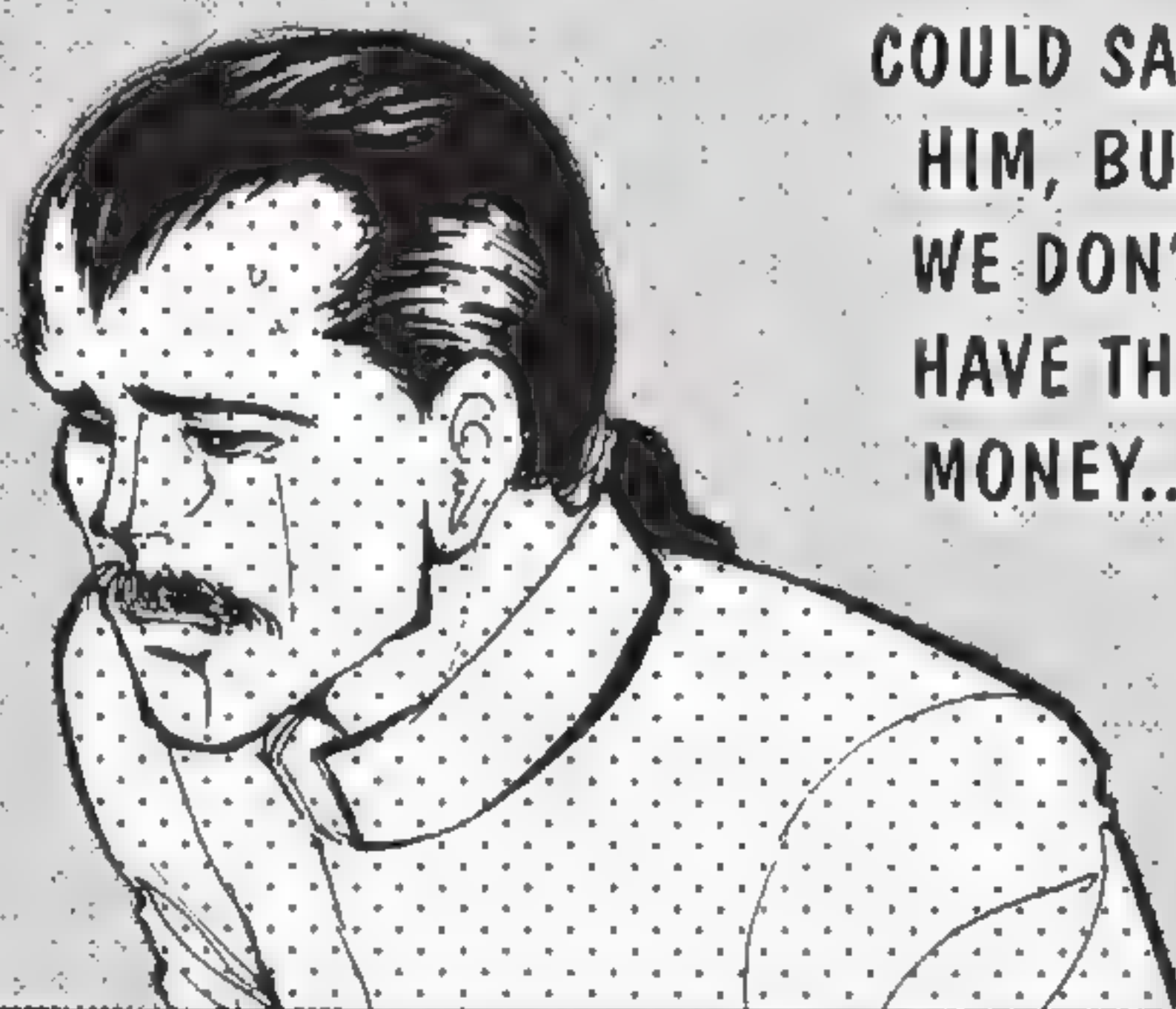


IT ISN'T
A CHOICE
I CAN MAKE.
MY HEALTH
IS FAILING,
AND THAT
IS THAT.

WE OWE HIM
SO MUCH...
HE TOOK US IN,
RAISED US, TAUGHT US
DISCIPLINES OF BODY
AND SOUL...
THERE MUST BE
SOMETHING WE CAN DO!



SURGERY
COULD SAVE
HIM, BUT
WE DON'T
HAVE THE
MONEY...

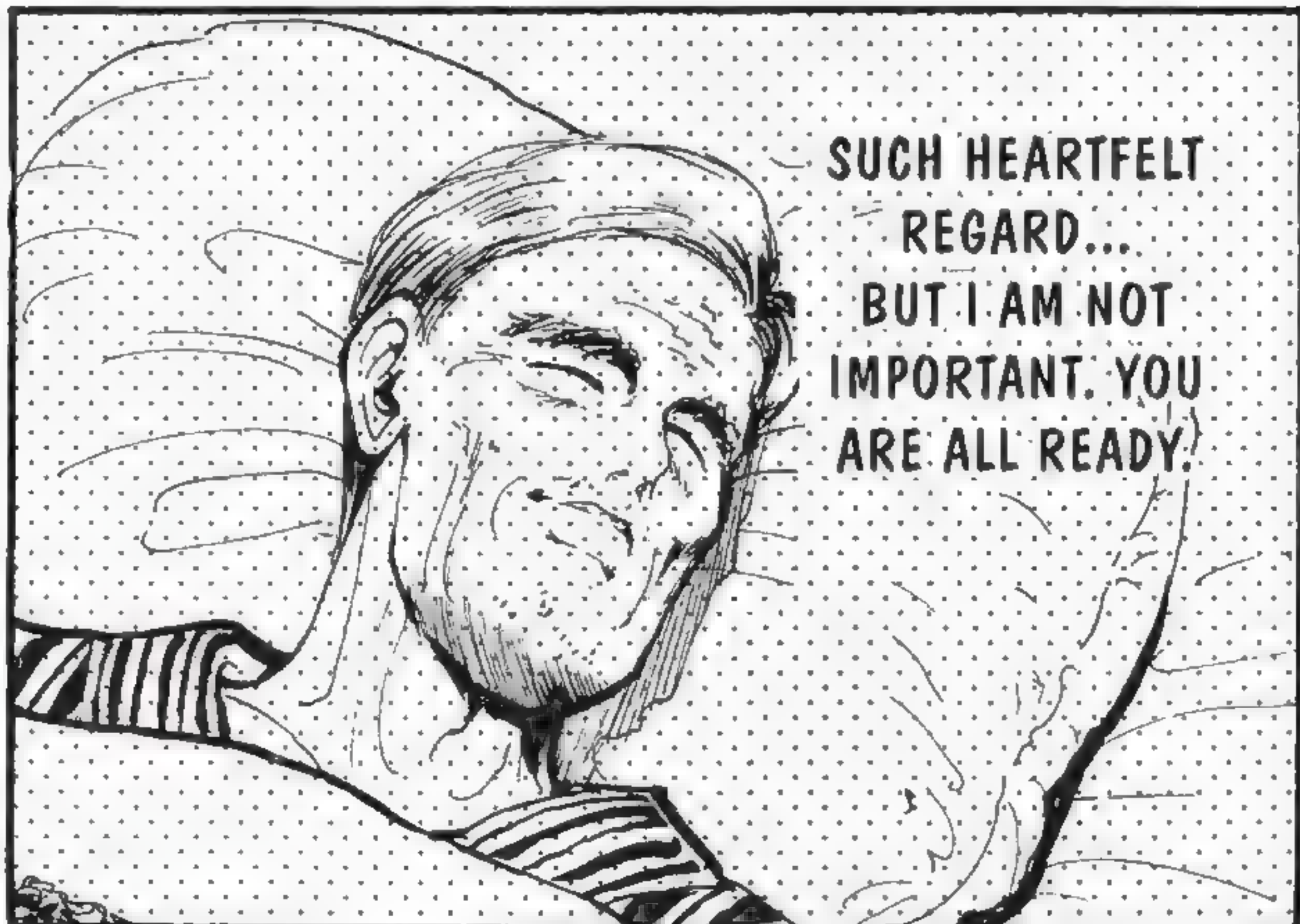


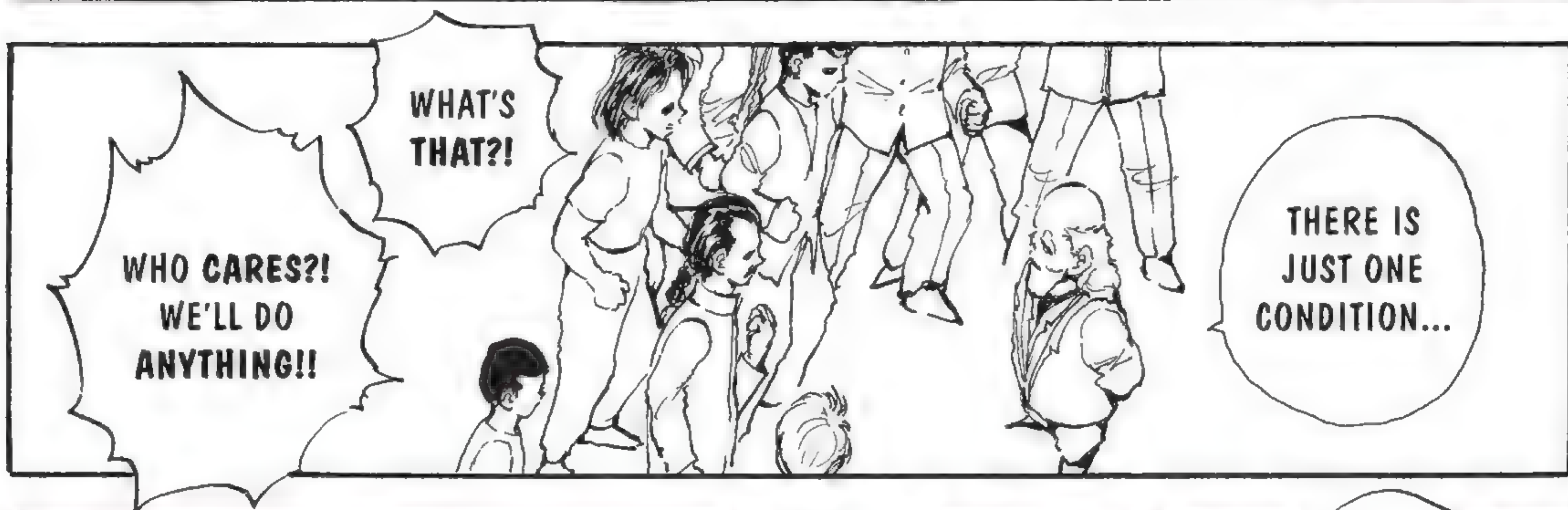
YOU MUST
GET BETTER,
WHATEVER
IT TAKES...!!



NO!!
YOU NEED
TO GET
BETTER!!

SUCH HEARTFELT
REGARD...
BUT I AM NOT
IMPORTANT. YOU
ARE ALL READY!







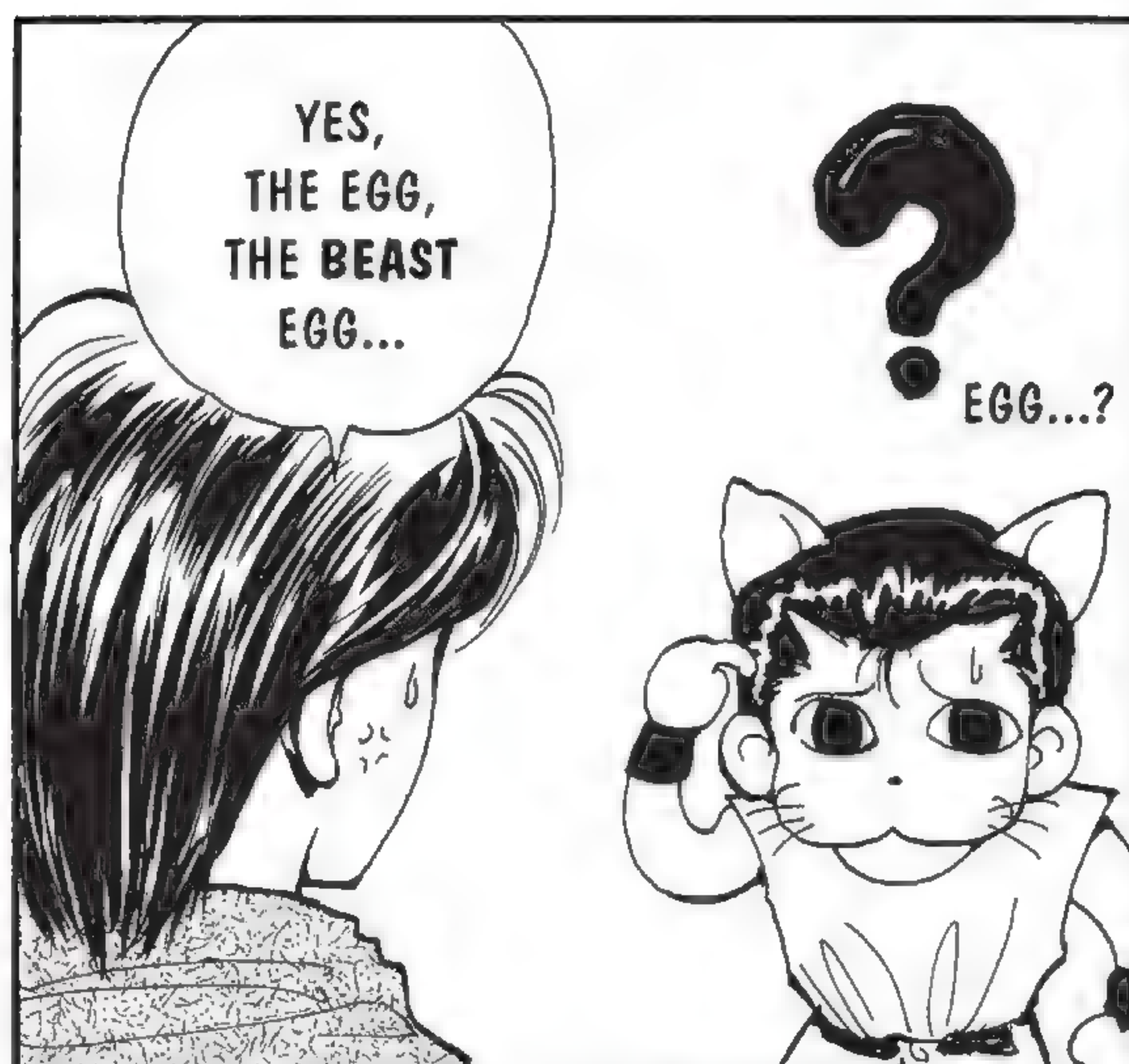
THESE LADS HAVE LOUSY MEMORIES...



THE SECOND ROUND BEGINS!!

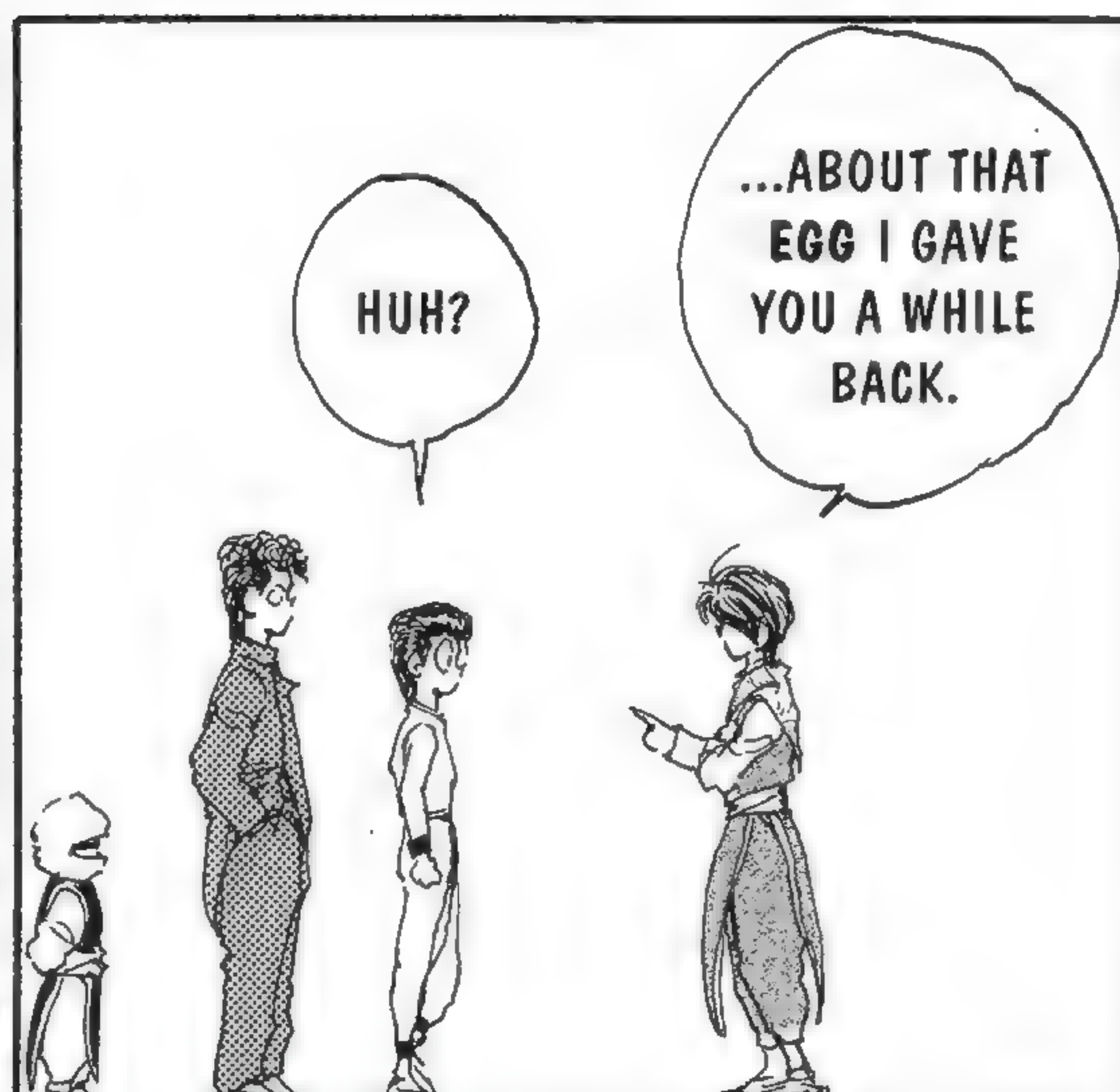






YES,
THE EGG,
THE BEAST
EGG...

EGG...?



HUH?

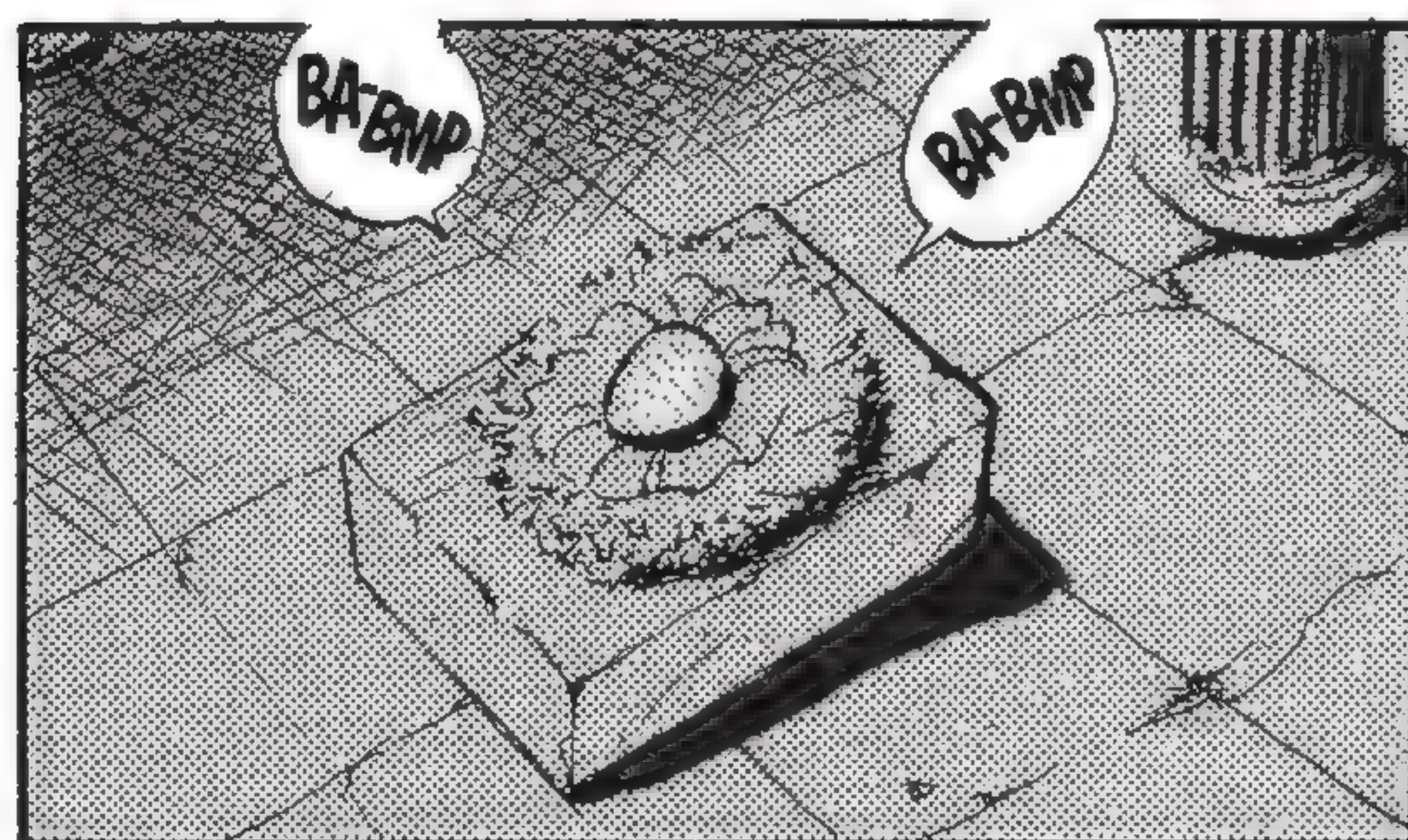
...ABOUT THAT
EGG I GAVE
YOU A WHILE
BACK.



DON'T
"AH!"
ME!!

AH!

...THE ONE THAT
WAS SUPPOSED
TO HATCH WHEN
YOU CAME BACK
TO LIFE!!



BA-BMP

BA-BMP

QUICK REVIEW –
I HAD YOU COME BACK
TO LIFE SOONER THAN
PLANNED BECAUSE
YOUR BODY AND SOUL
HAD TO BE IN TUNE.
(SEE VOL.2 P.177-
178)

SHEESH...
OUT OF
SIGHT, OUT
OF MIND.

Jr



JUST A
MATTER OF DAYS.
ONCE IT EMERGES,
THE HATCHLING...

HATCHING
IS NOW
IMMINENT.

BUT IT'S
GROWING,
SUSTAINING
ITSELF BY
DRAWING ON
YOUR SOUL
ENERGY.

AS A
CONSEQUENCE,
THE EGG
RETURNED
TO THE
UNDERWORLD
UNHATCHED.



...MAY
BE OF
USE TO
YOU!



GETTING
GOOD
TRAINING IN
THE
MEDITATIVE
ARTS?

SO, HOW'RE
YOUR
LESSONS
WITH MASTER
GENKAI
GOING?



THE
WAIT...
YEAH,
RIGHT.

GREAT!
SO THE
WAIT WAS
WORTH IT!



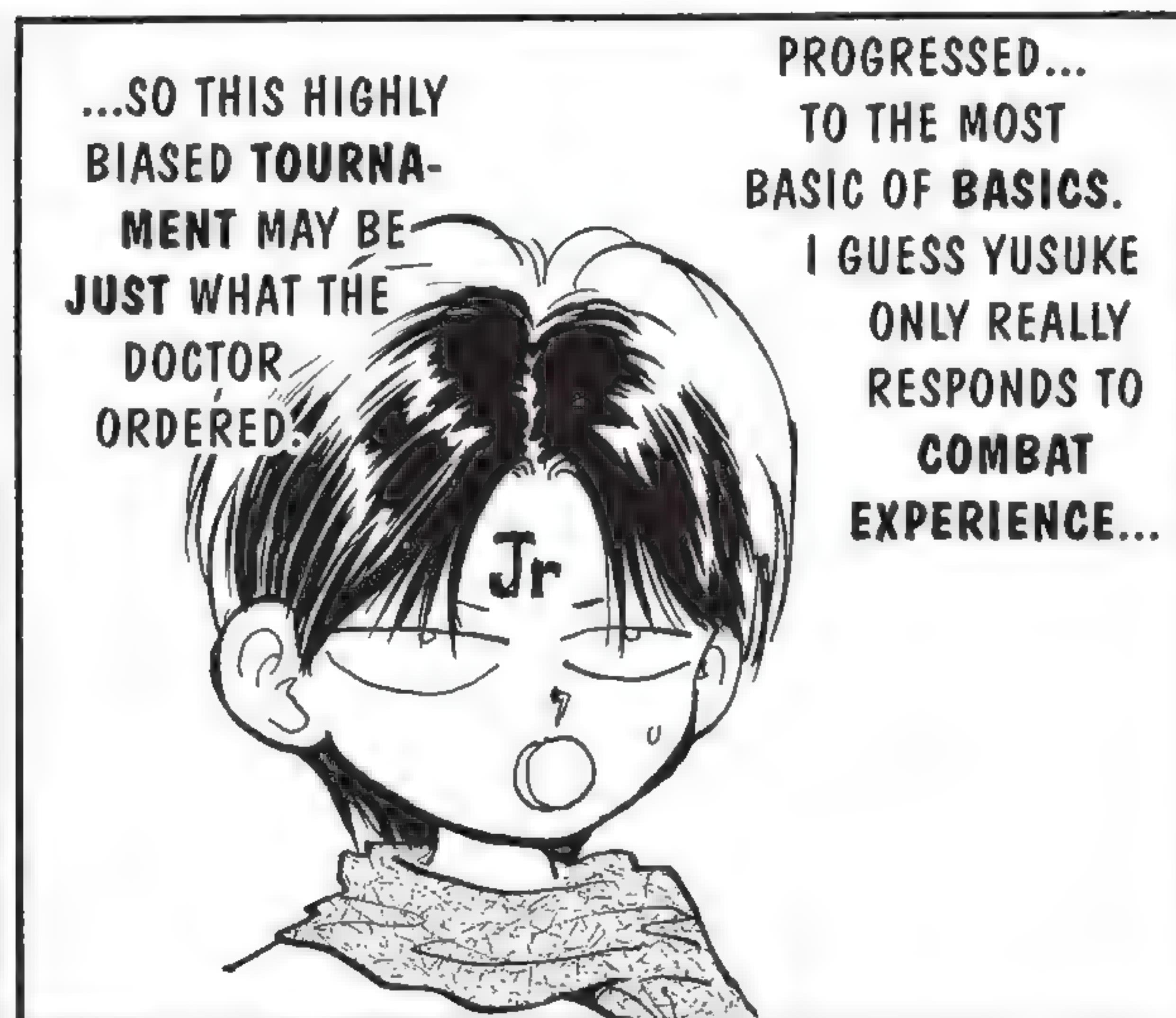
I'VE PROGRESSED
TO MAKING
EXPLOSIVE BURSTS
OF AURA, AND
CONCENTRATING
THEM ON A TARGET.

NAW, STILL
WORKING ON
THE BASICS
OF REIKI.



BET HE'S
FORGOTTEN
HE CAN'T USE
HIS REIGUN.

AWRIGHT!!
LET'S WIN
THIS THING
SO I CAN SEE
THAT EGG
HATCH!!



...SO THIS HIGHLY
BIASED TOURNA-
MENT MAY BE
JUST WHAT THE
DOCTOR
ORDERED.

PROGRESSED...
TO THE MOST
BASIC OF BASICS.
I GUESS YUSUKE
ONLY REALLY
RESPONDS TO
COMBAT
EXPERIENCE...

MEANWHILE...

YOU
OKAY,
HIEI?



...WITH ONLY
ONE GOOD
ARM?

YOU AIM
TO KEEP
FIGHTING...

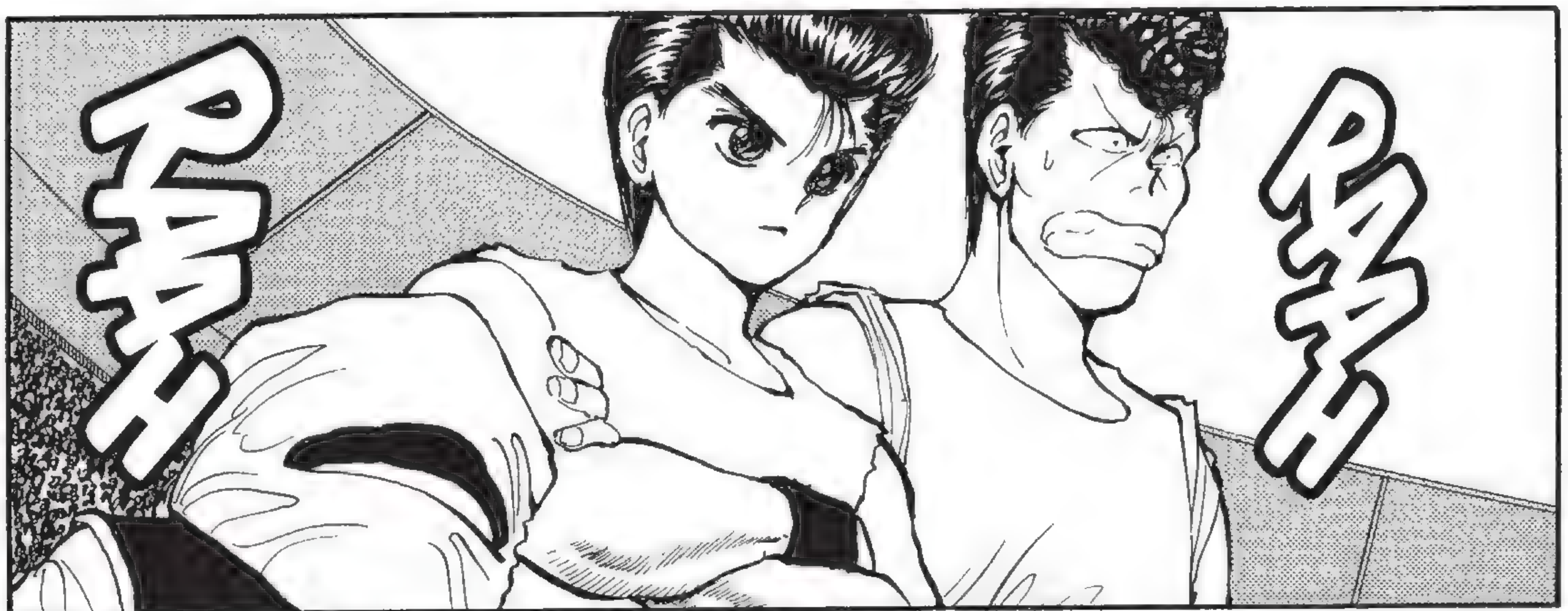
...WE
CAN'T
ESCAPE.

...AS
WELL AS
I DO...

I HAVE A
CHOICE?
YOU
KNOW...

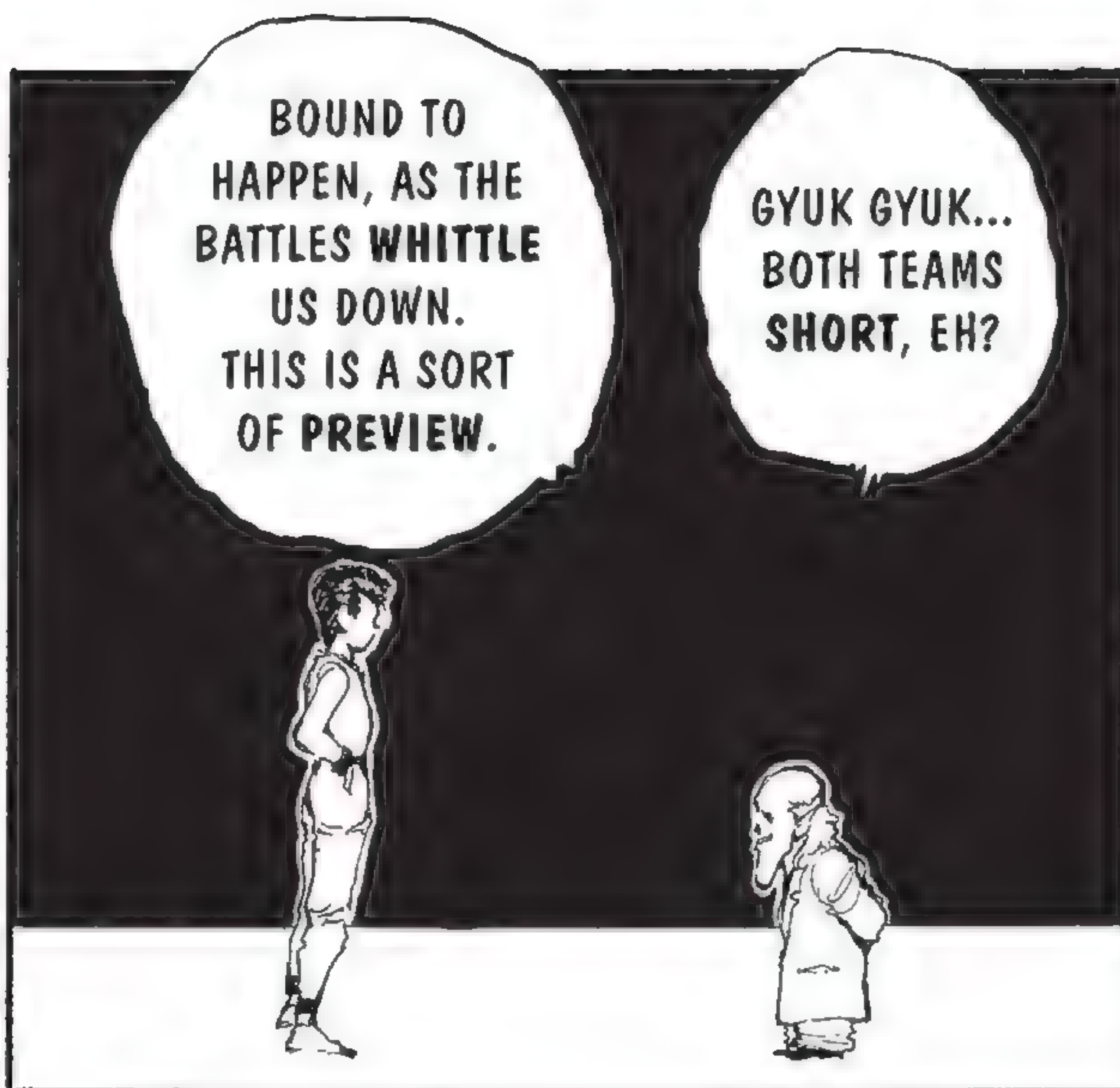
SURE.
WHY?







WILL YOU
ACCEPT YOUR
THREE
AGAINST MY
THREE?



BOUND TO
HAPPEN, AS THE
BATTLES WHITTLE
US DOWN.
THIS IS A SORT
OF PREVIEW.

GYUK GYUK...
BOTH TEAMS
SHORT, EH?



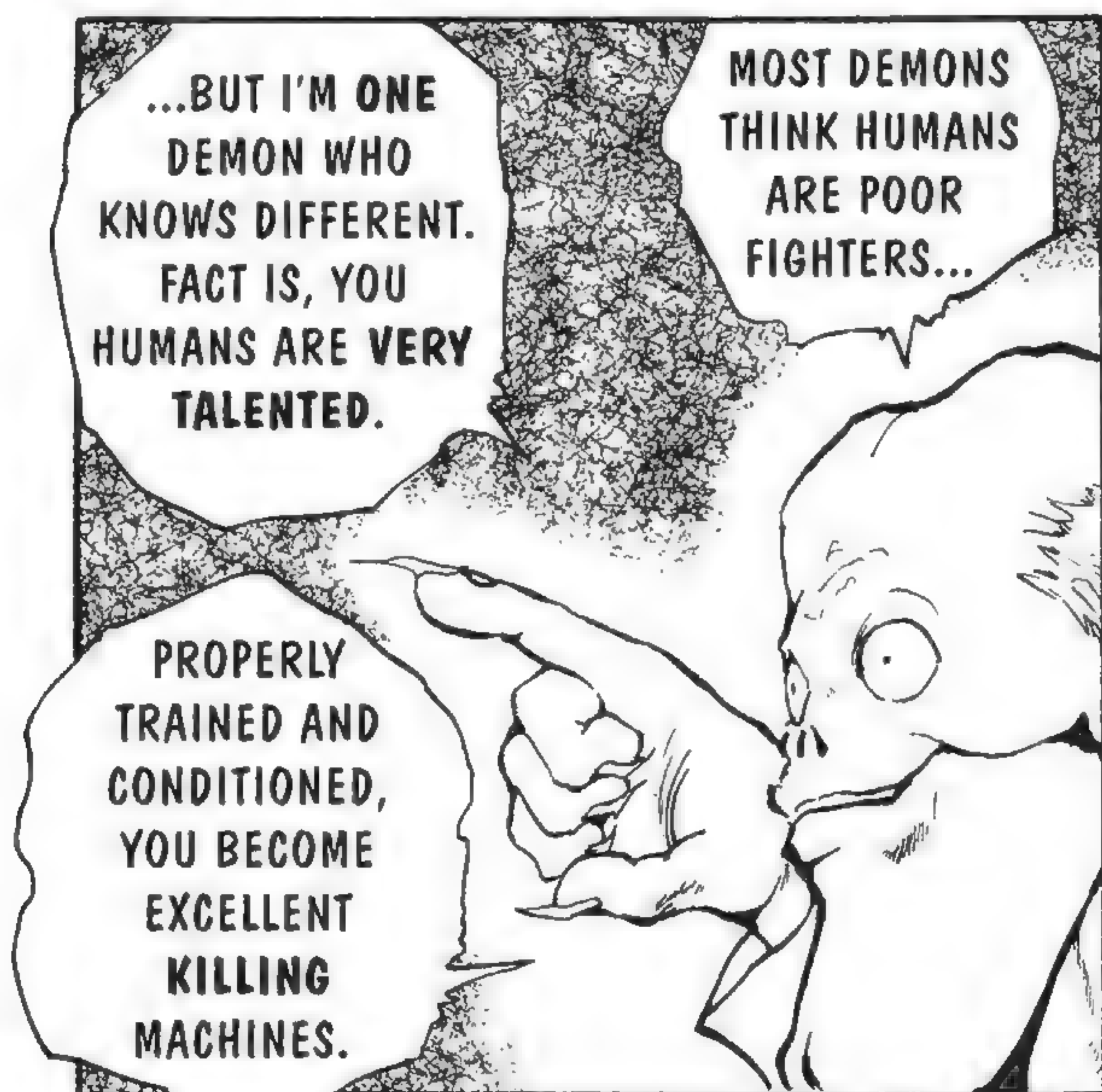
WHAT
ABOUT YOU?
YOU SITTING
IT OUT?

DON'T
SEE WHY
NOT.



...AND
ALTERNATE.
MY DEAR BOYS
HERE WILL DO
THE FIGHTING.

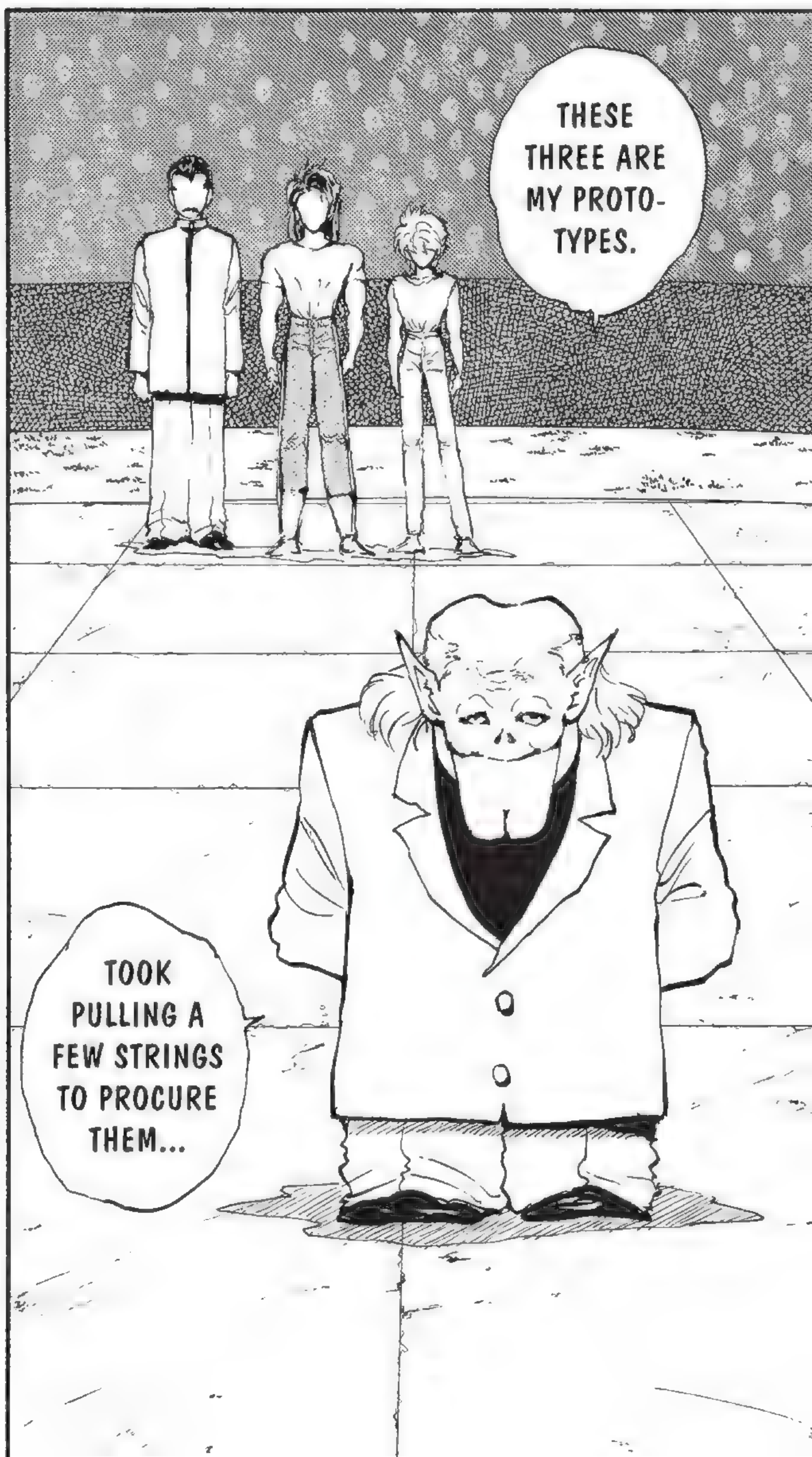
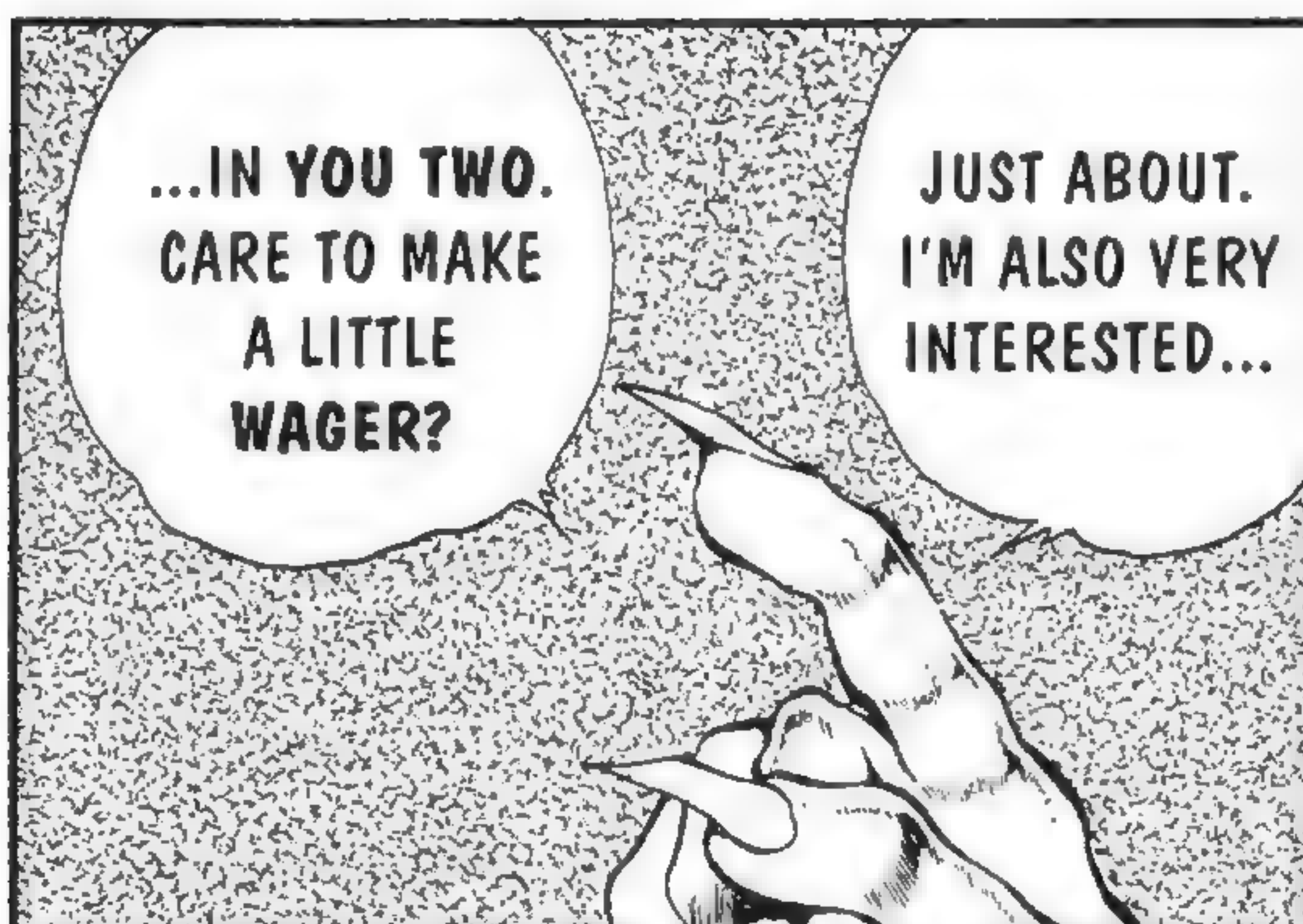
GYUK GYUK...
I'M JUST THE
TEAM
ADVISOR...

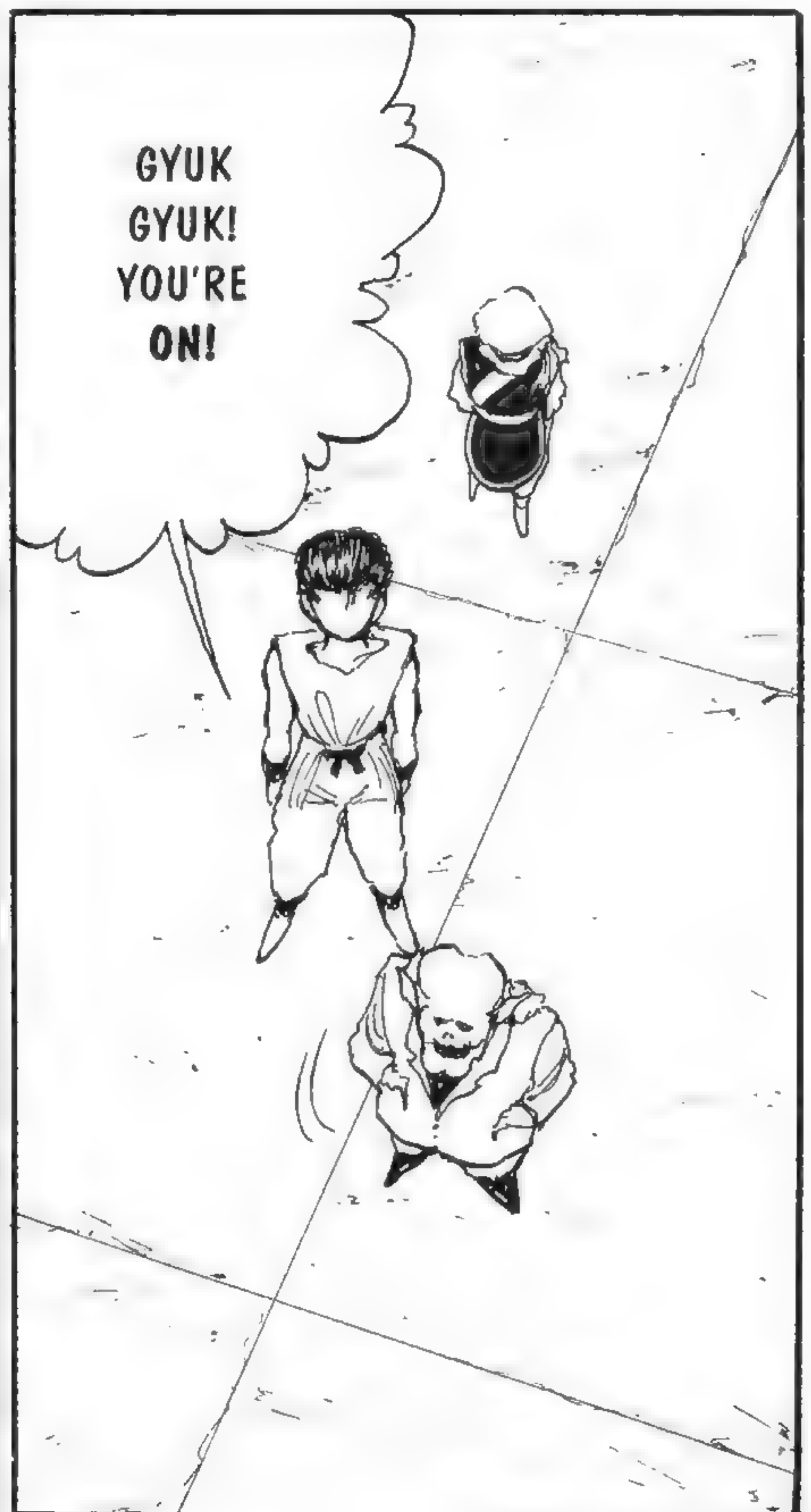
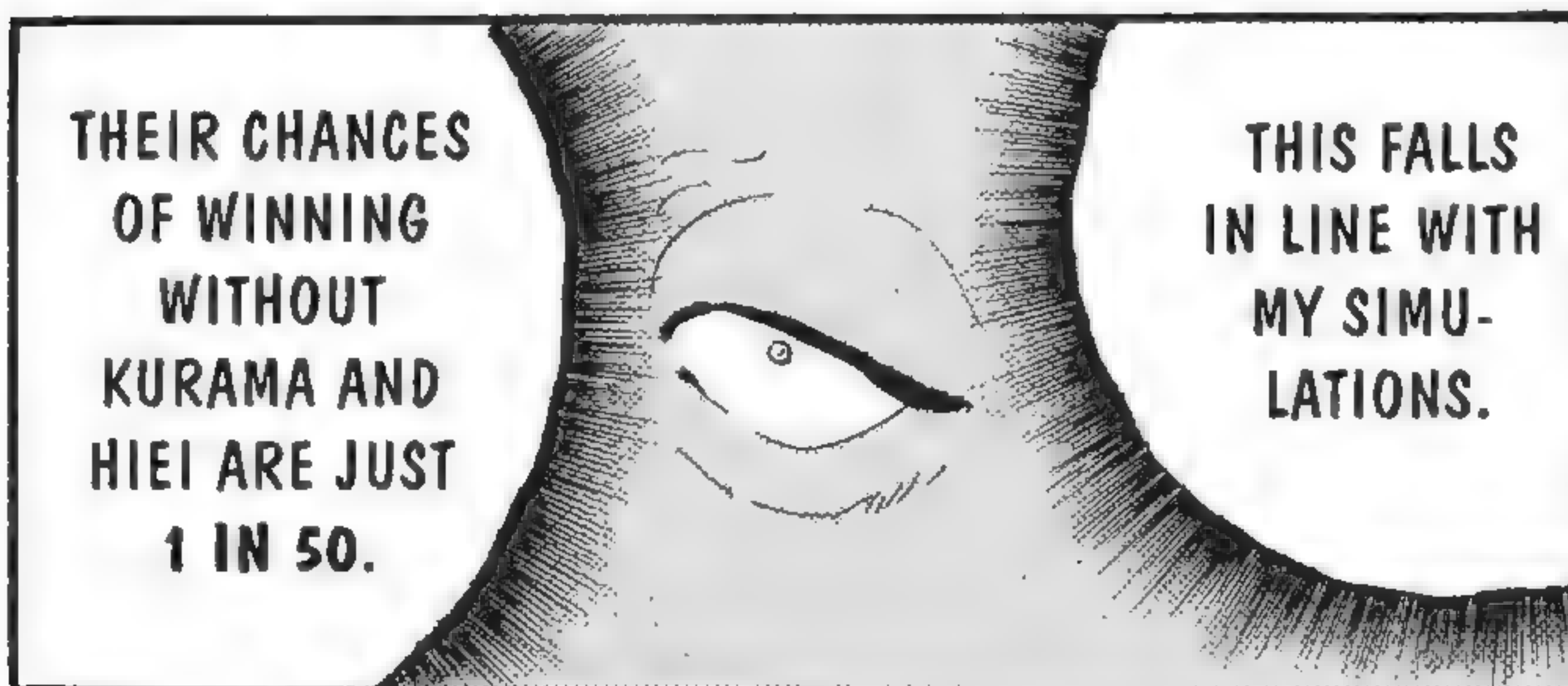


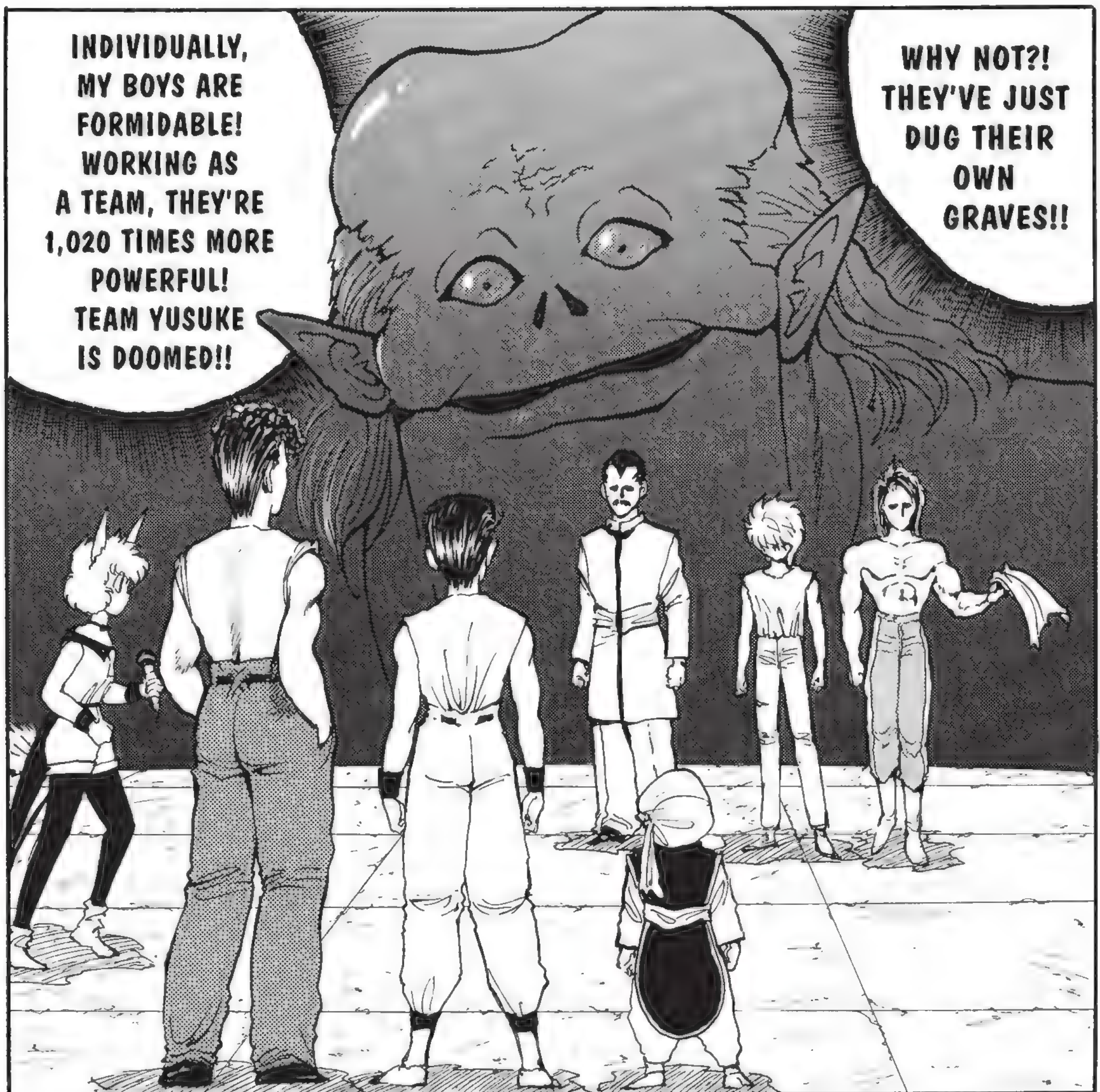
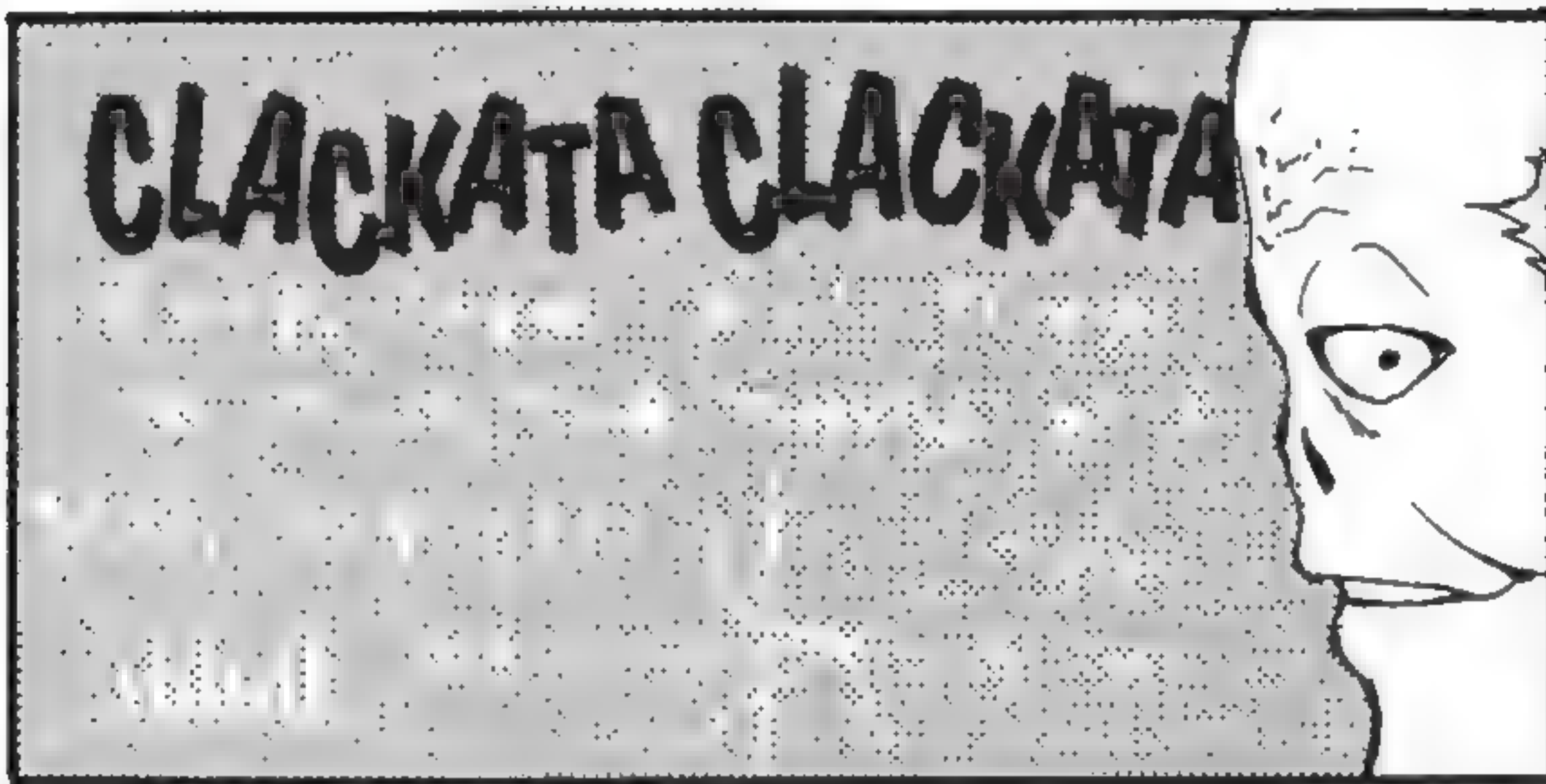
...BUT I'M ONE
DEMON WHO
KNOWS DIFFERENT.
FACT IS, YOU
HUMANS ARE VERY
TALENTED.

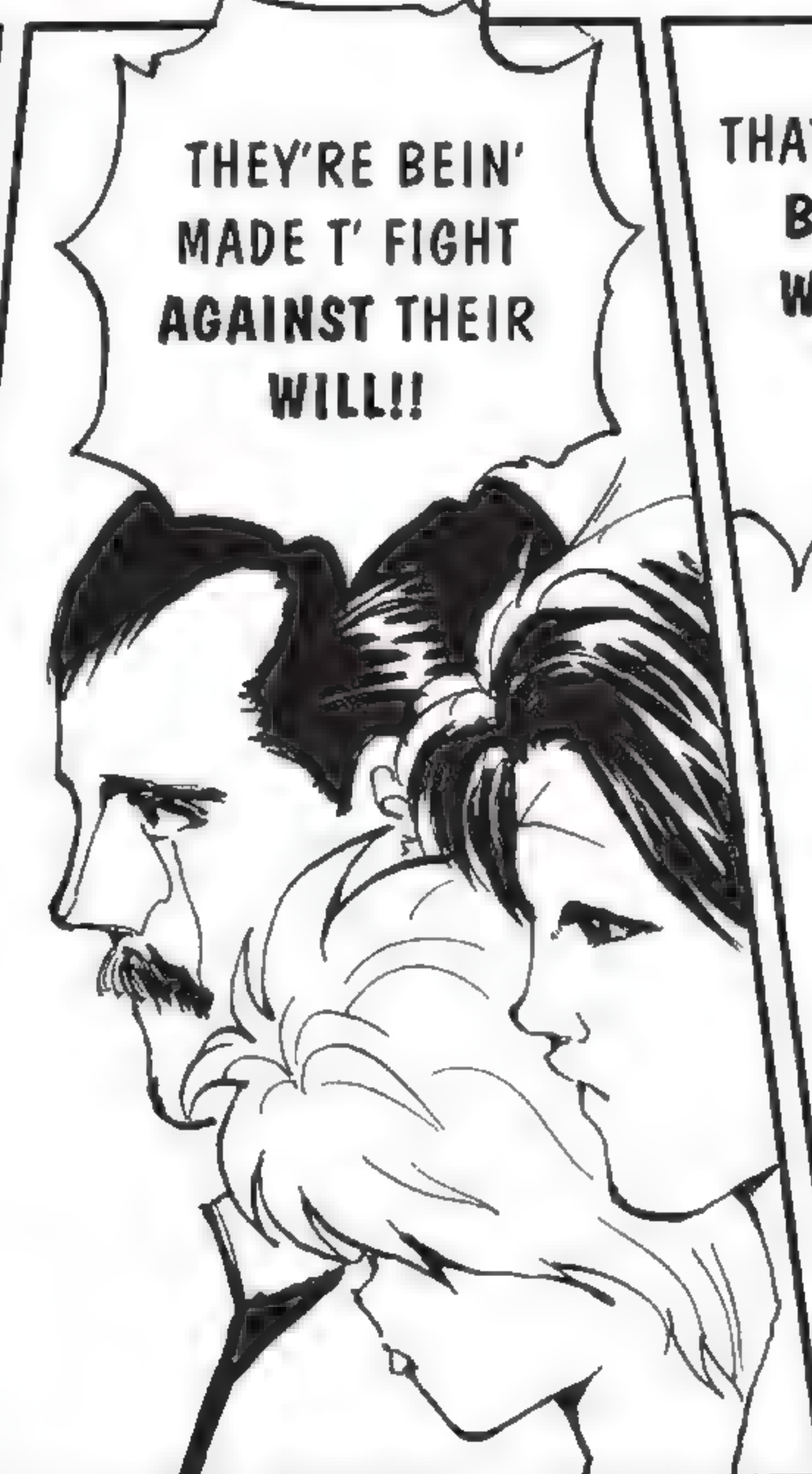
MOST DEMONS
THINK HUMANS
ARE POOR
FIGHTERS...

PROPERLY
TRAINED AND
CONDITIONED,
YOU BECOME
EXCELLENT
KILLING
MACHINES.

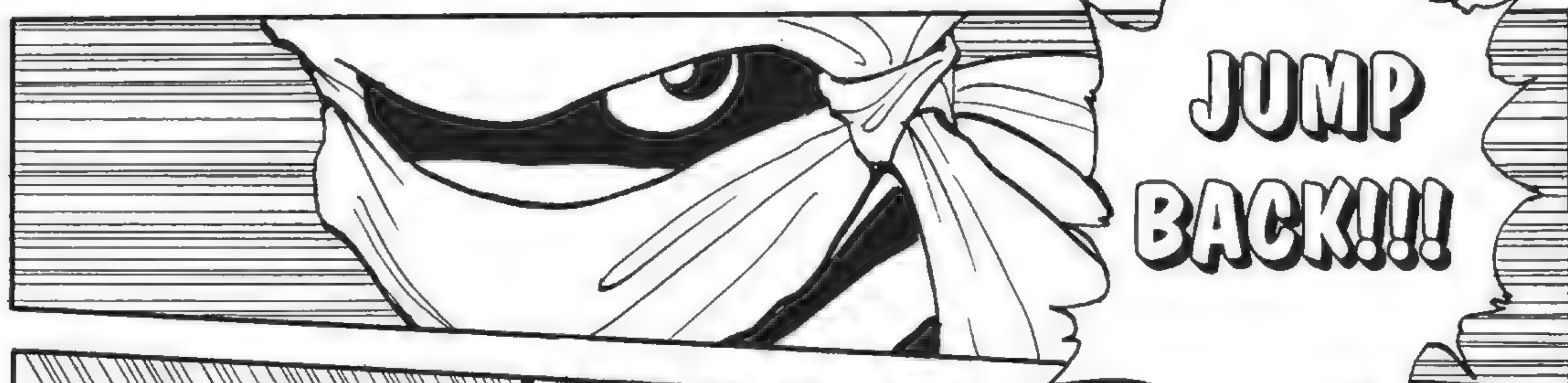


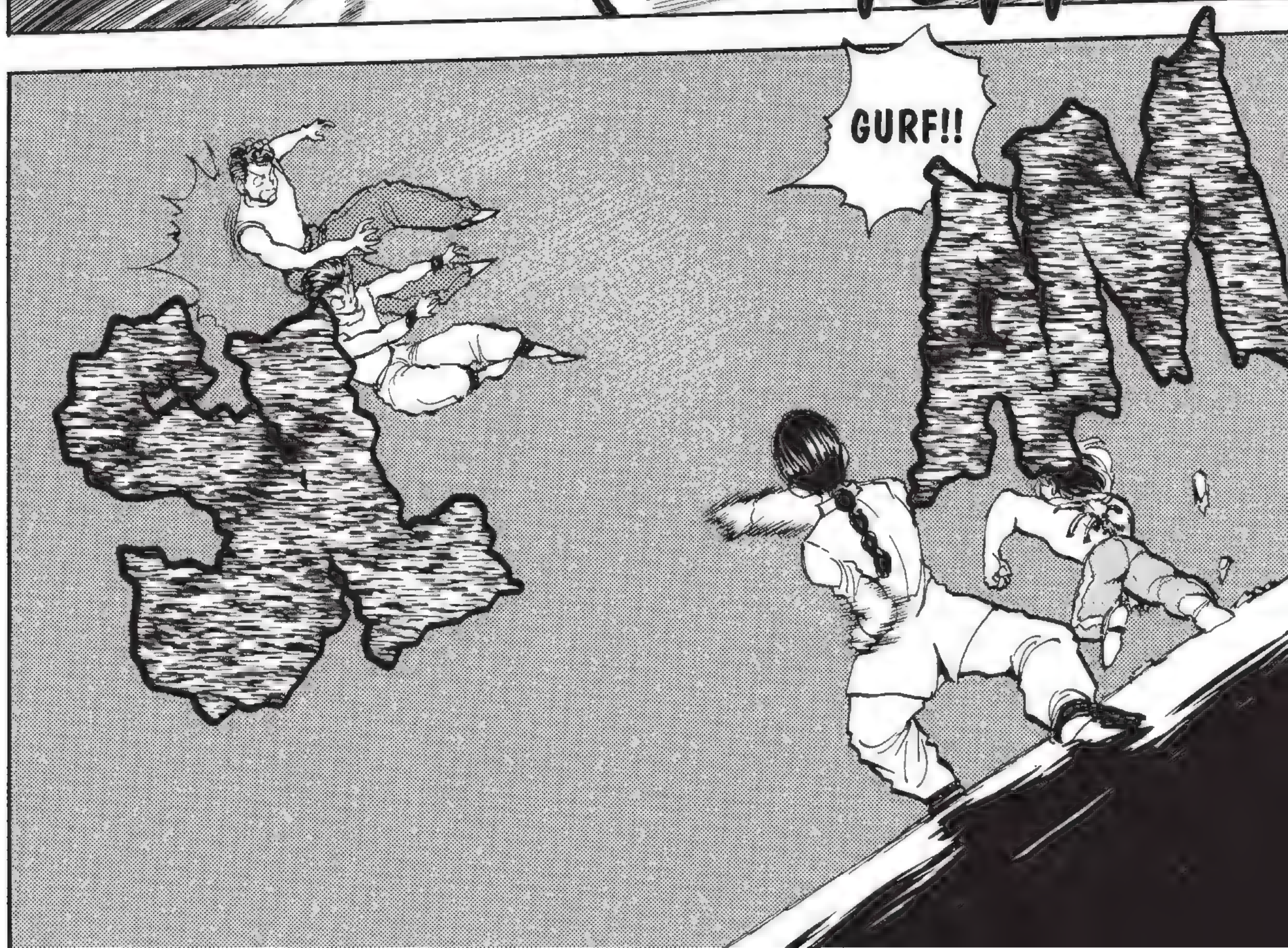
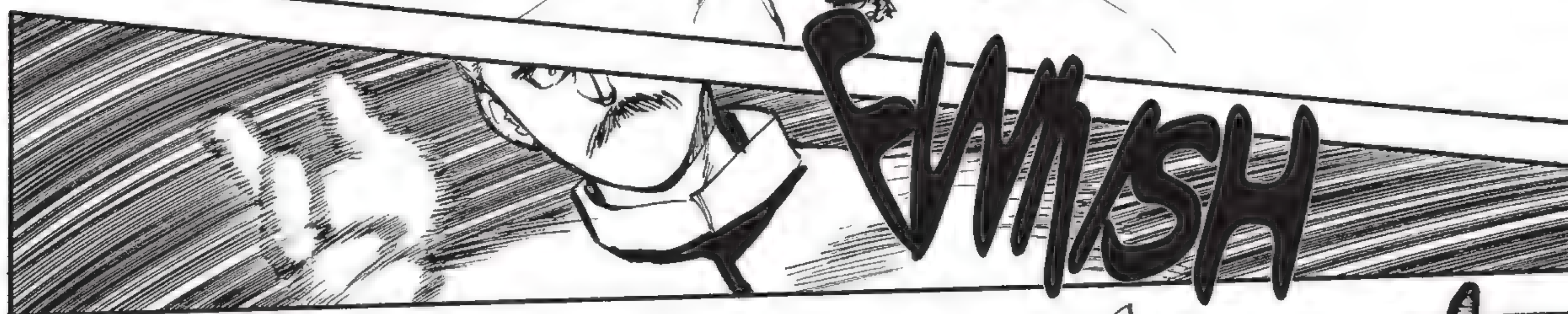














REFINING ONE'S
AURA CAN MAKE
IT INVISIBLE
TO WEAKER
OPPONENTS.

YOU
TWO ARE
DEFINITELY
IN THAT
CATEGORY.

DIDYA SEE
WHAT HIT US?!
I DIDN'T SEE
NOTHIN'!!

GLUMPH!

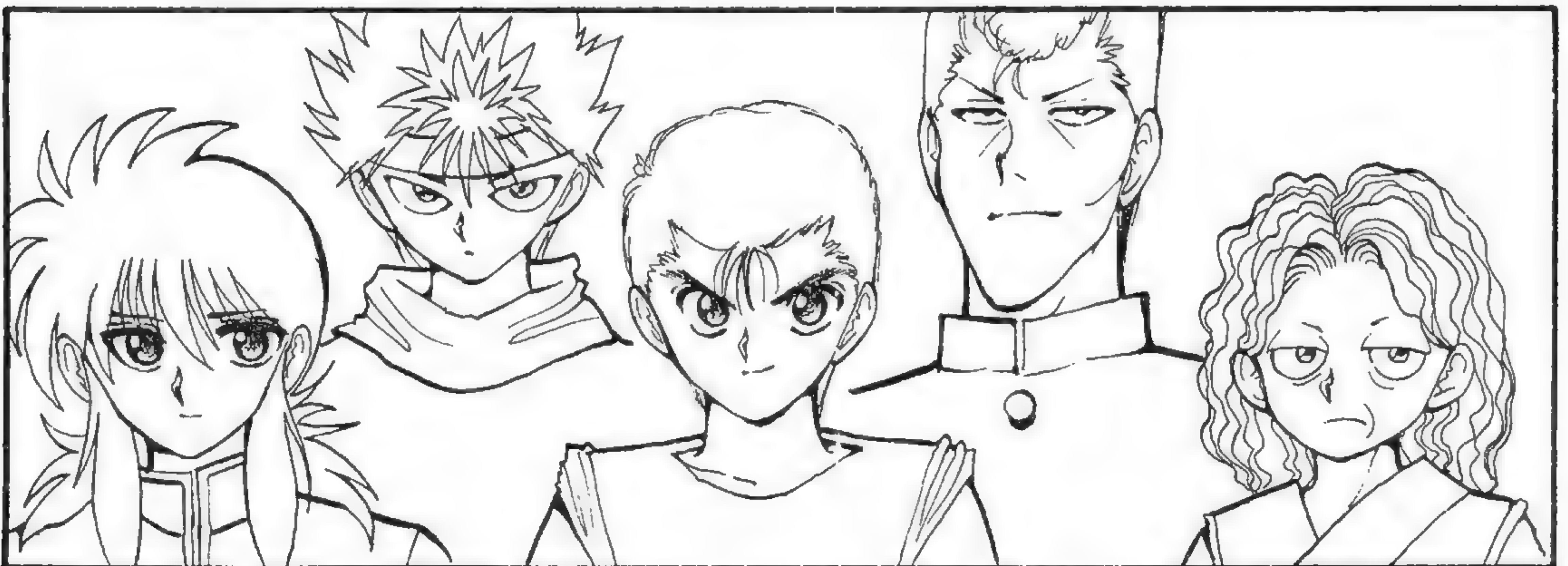
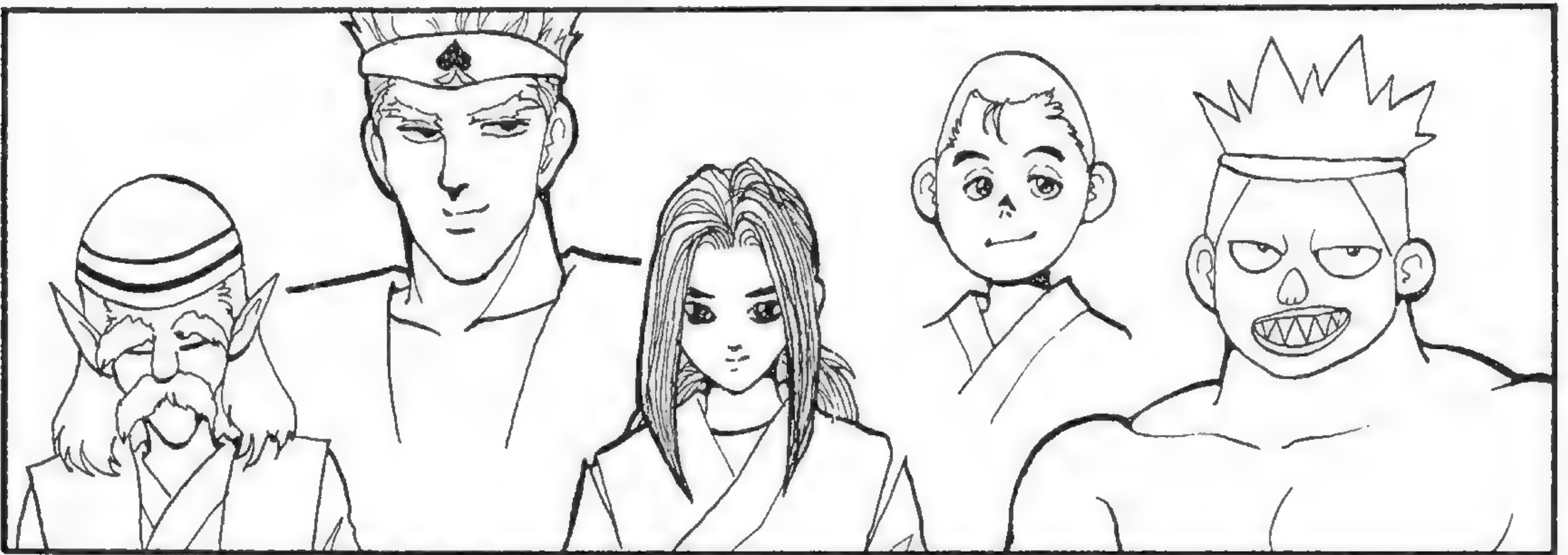
SOME
INVISIBLE
FORCE, LIKE
THAT FIRST GUY'S
ATTACK! IF WE
HADN'T JUMPED
BACK — !



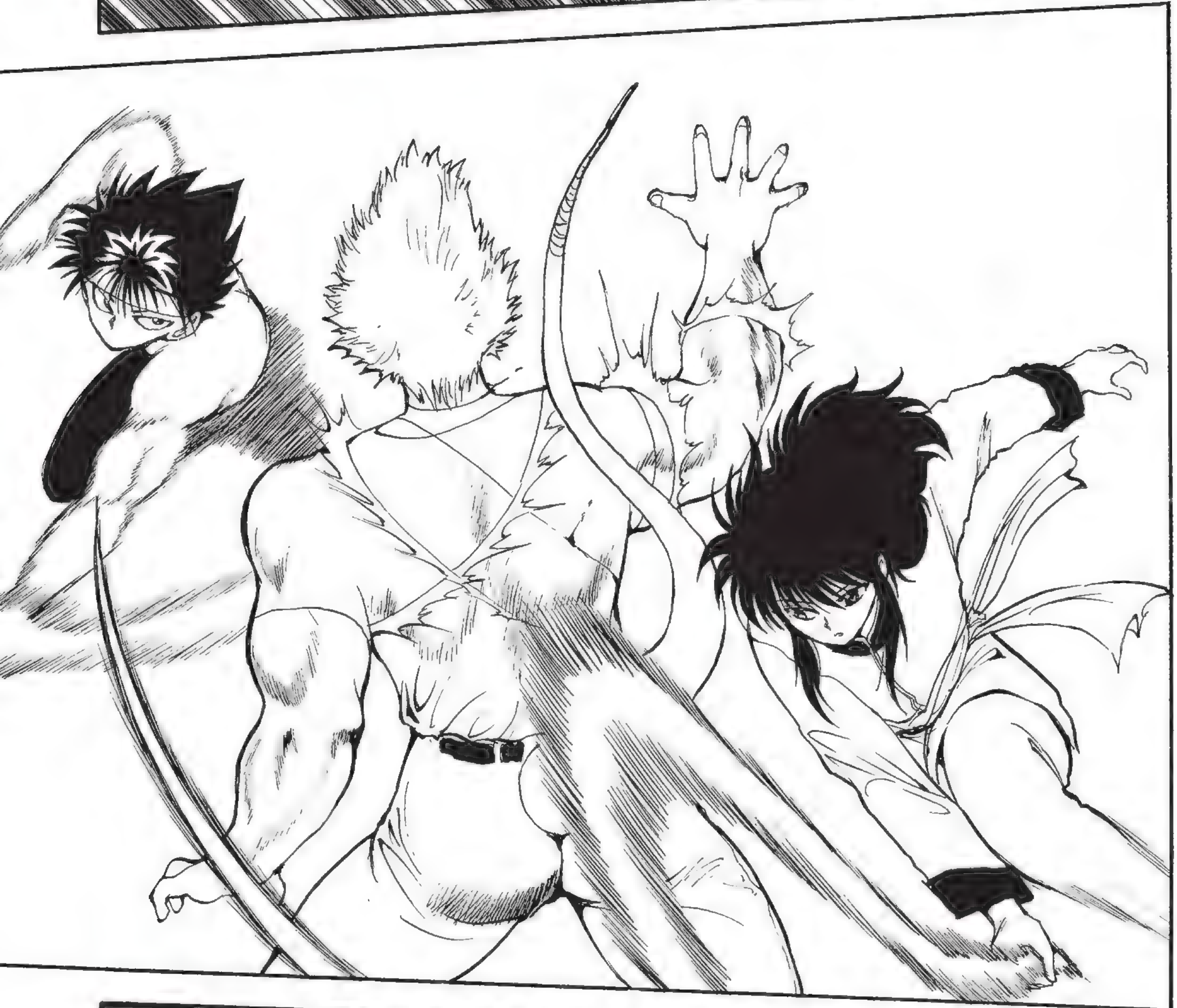
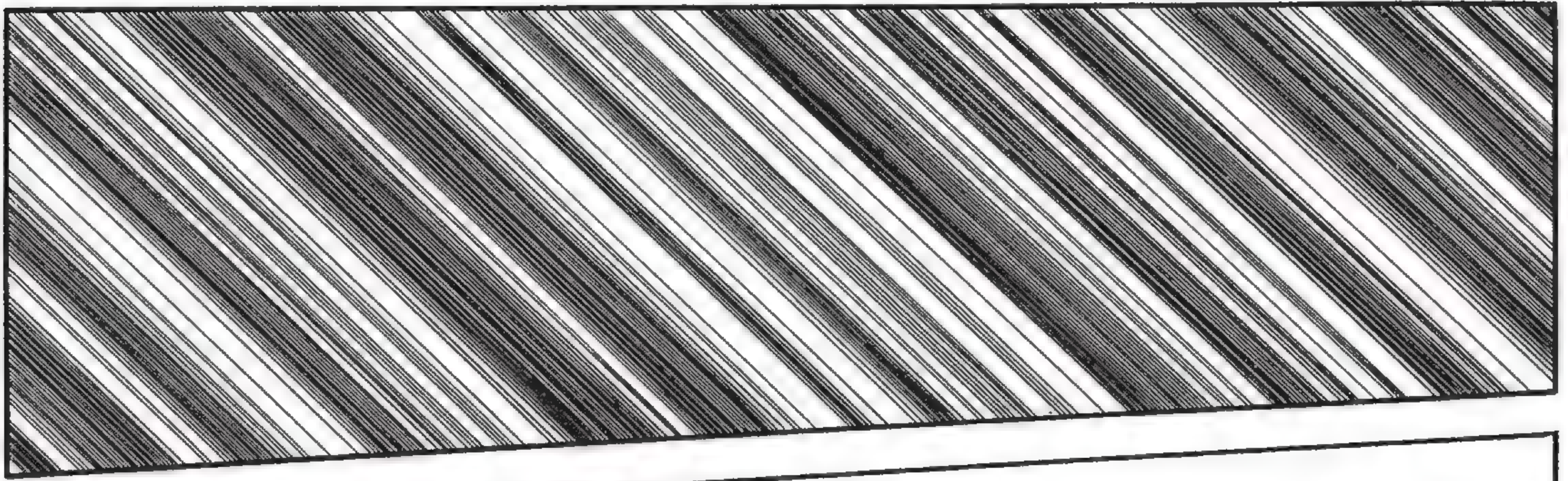
...!!

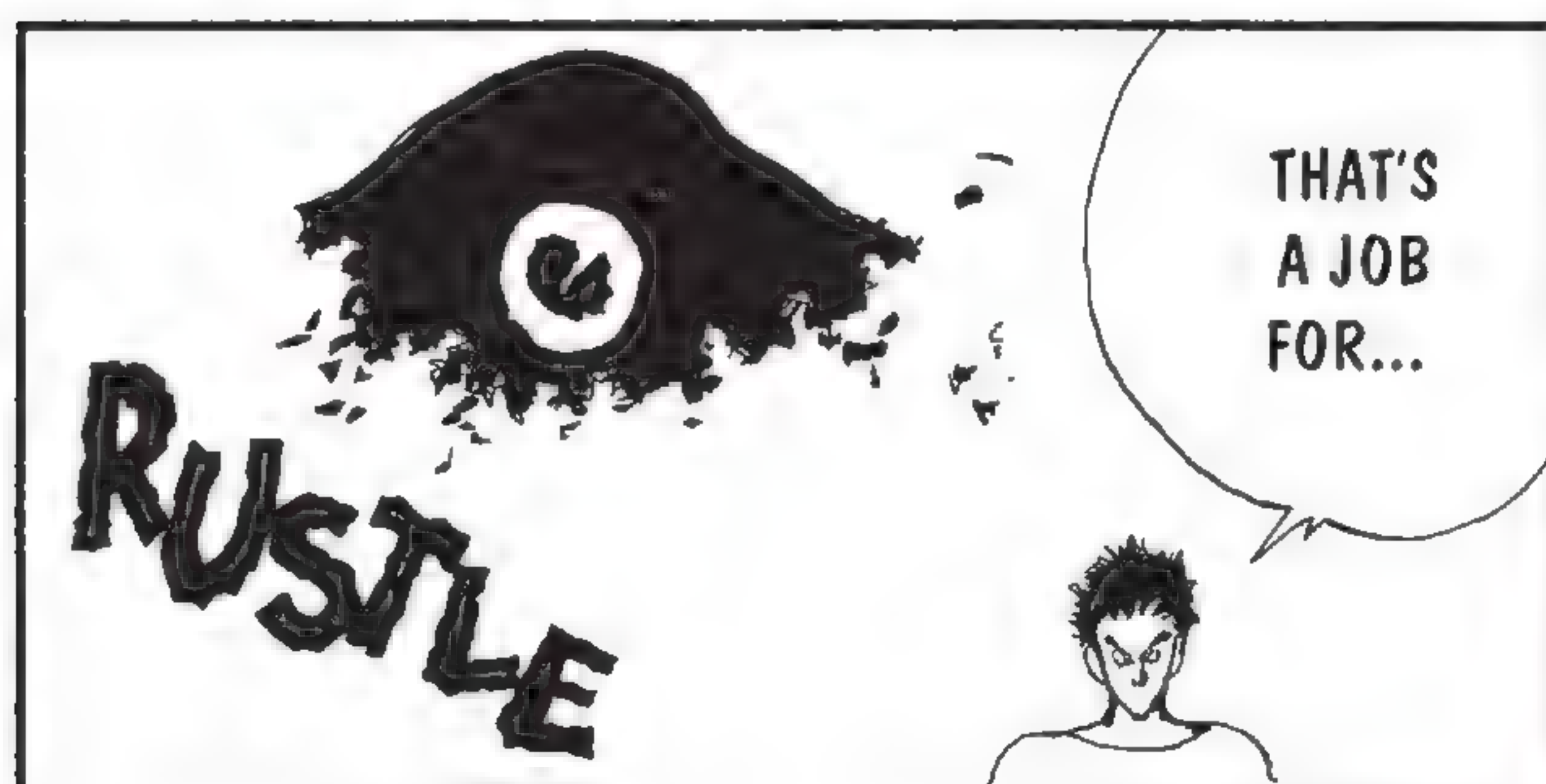
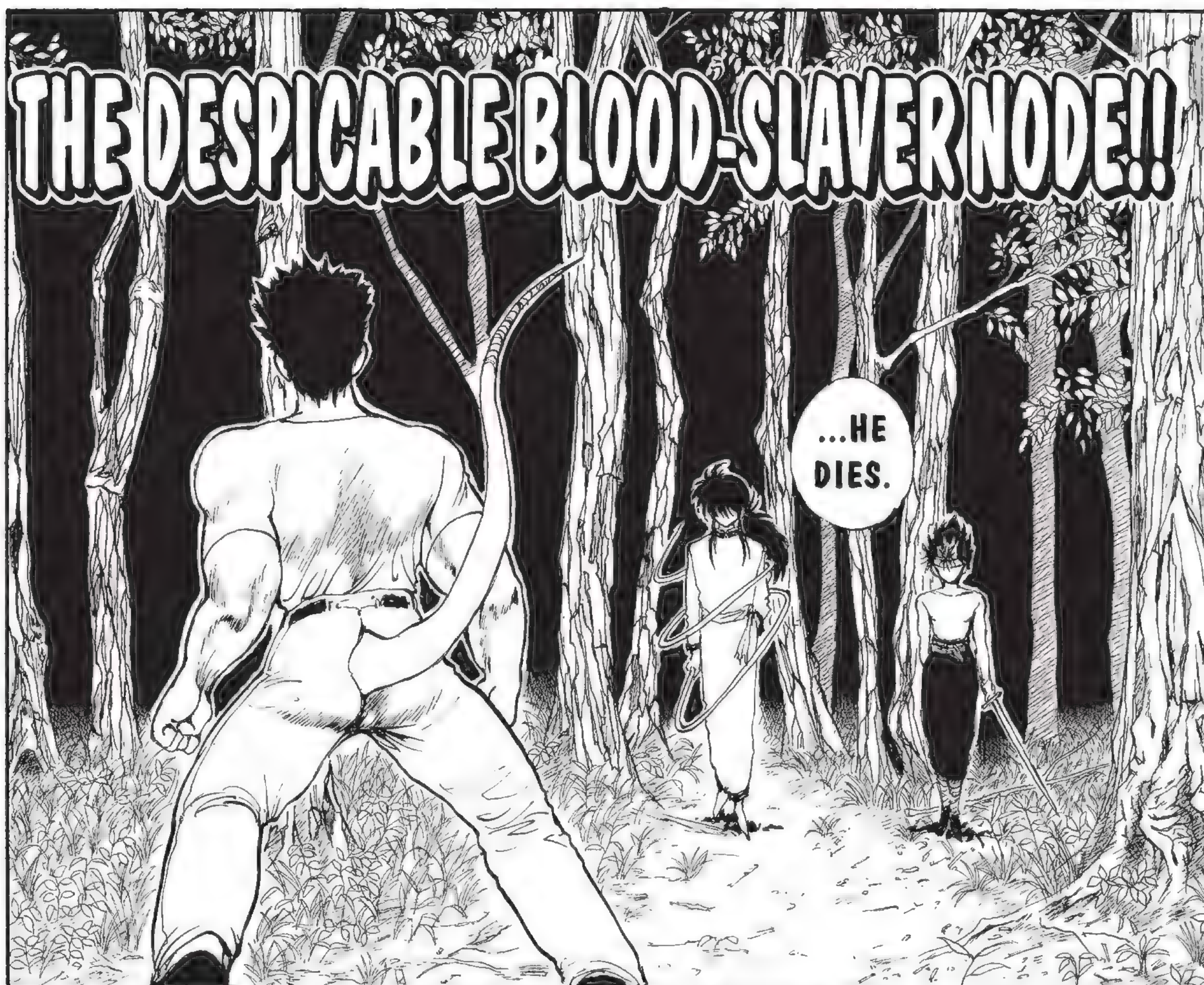
SO HOW
DO WE
FIGHT
'EM?!

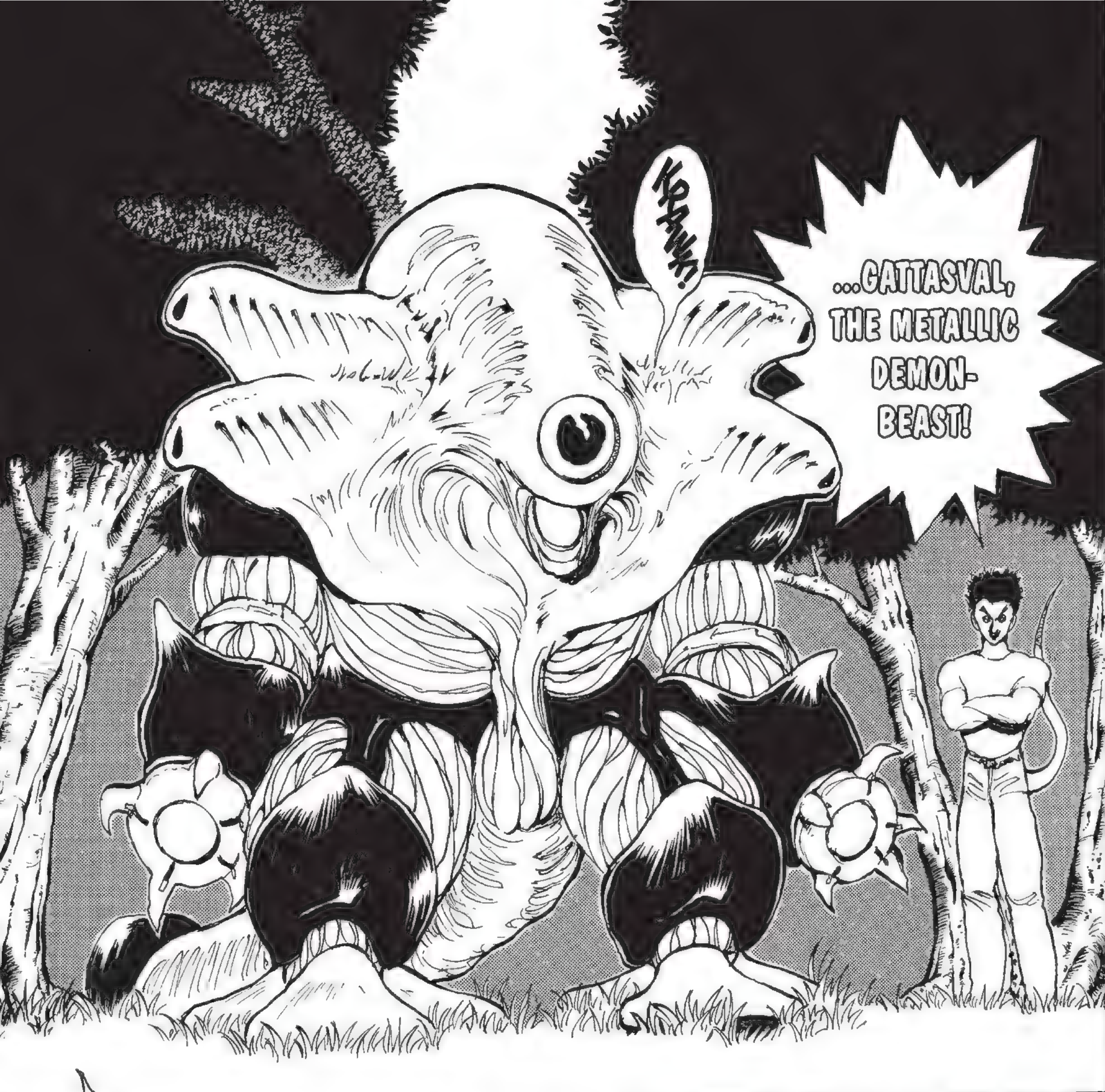
TEST YOUR COLORING TALENT!



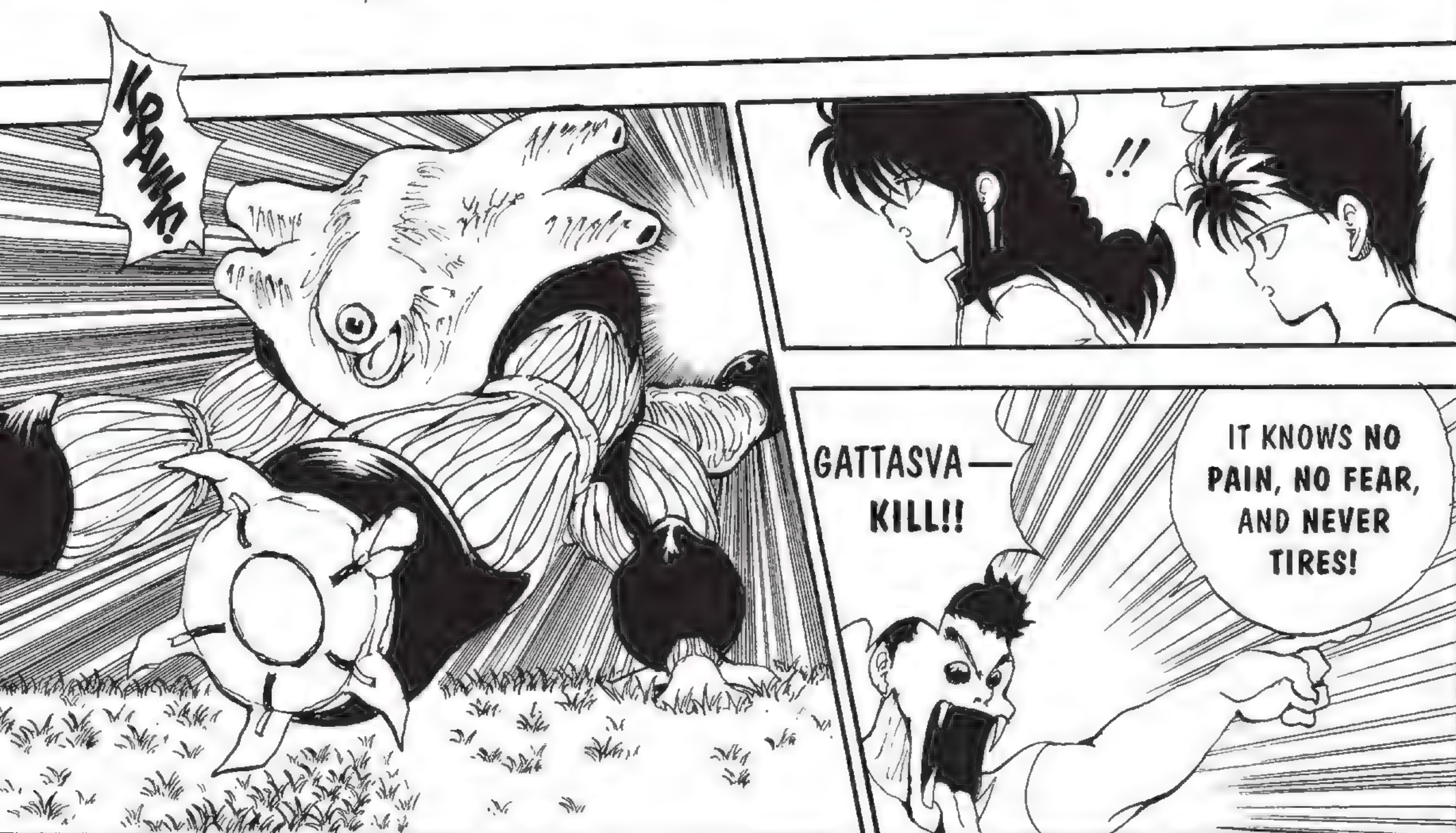
THE DESPICABLE BLOOD-SLAVER NODE!!







...GATTASVAL,
THE METALLIC
DEMON-
BEAST!





MY SWORD
HAD NO
EFFECT!!



THAT TOOTHPICK
OF A BLADE OF
YOURS CAN'T
EVEN HOPE TO
SCRATCH IT!!

ITS ARMOR'S
TREATED WITH
DEVIL'S UNCTION
TO FEND OFF
DEMONIC AURA!!



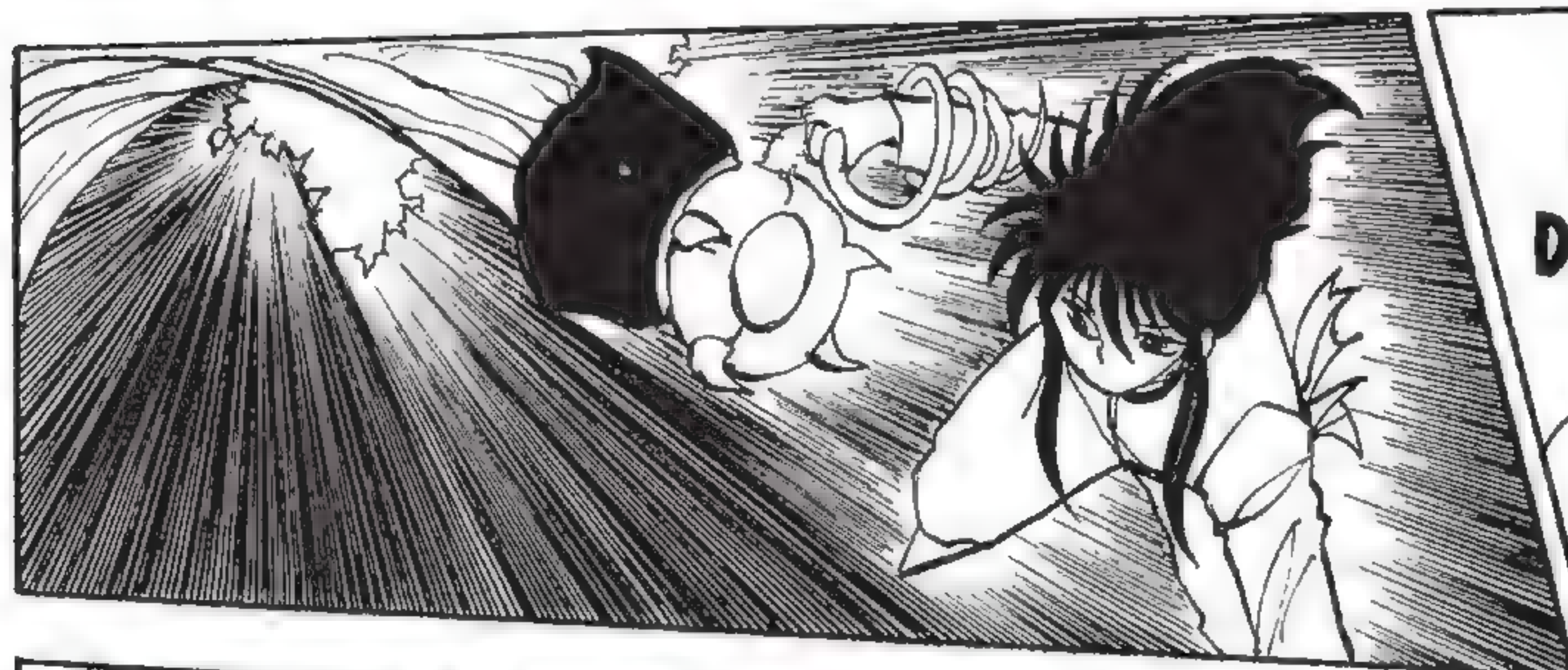
THAT RIGHT?
BET I CAN
SCRATCH
YOU!

FFA!!

UNH!!

BOB

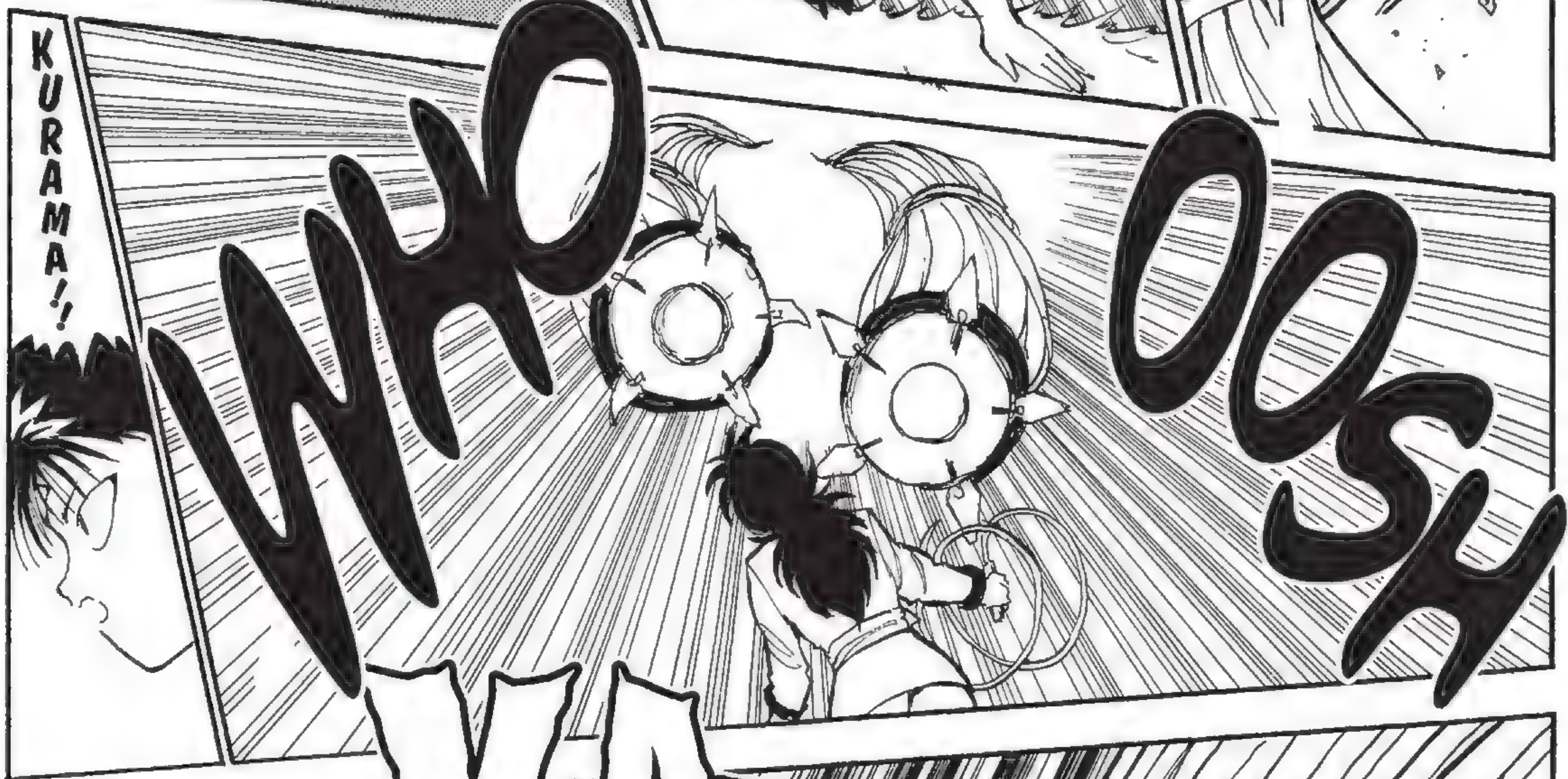
UNH!!





CRACK

Whoopii!



KURAMA!

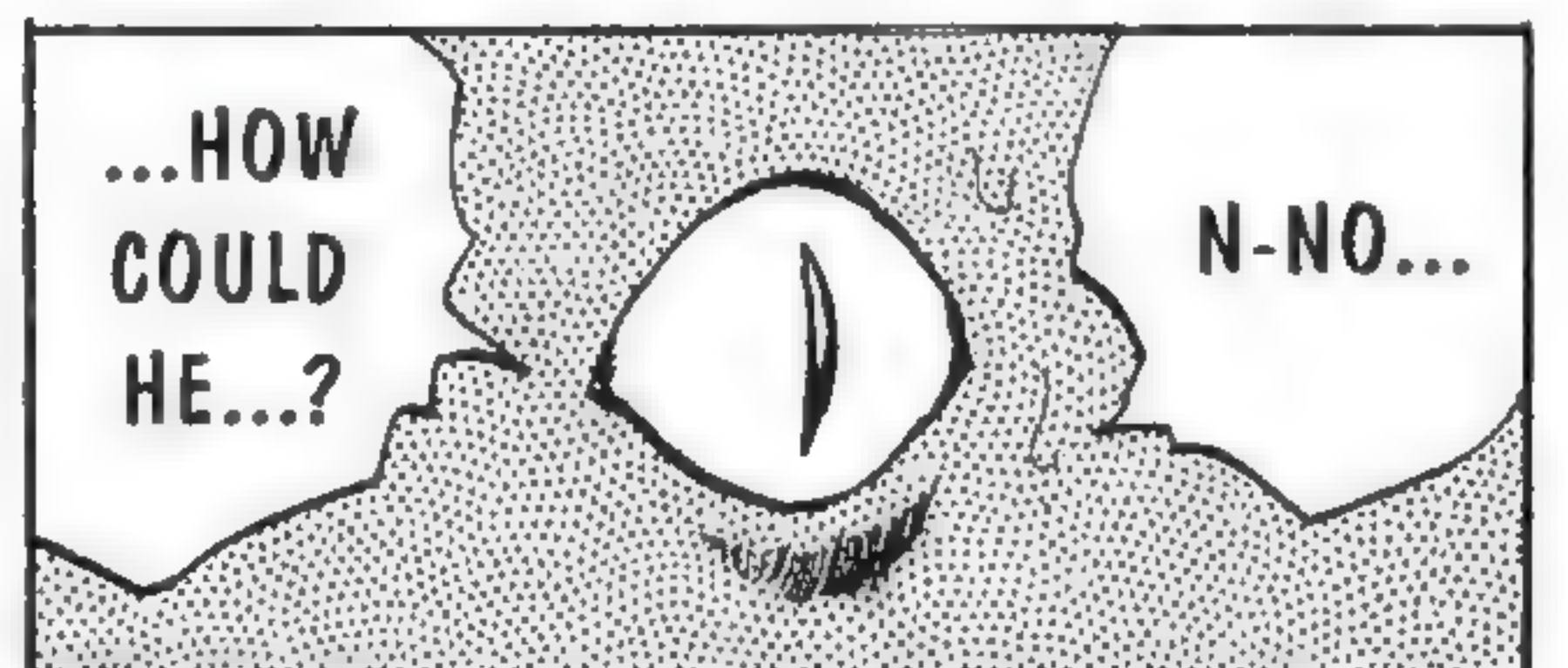
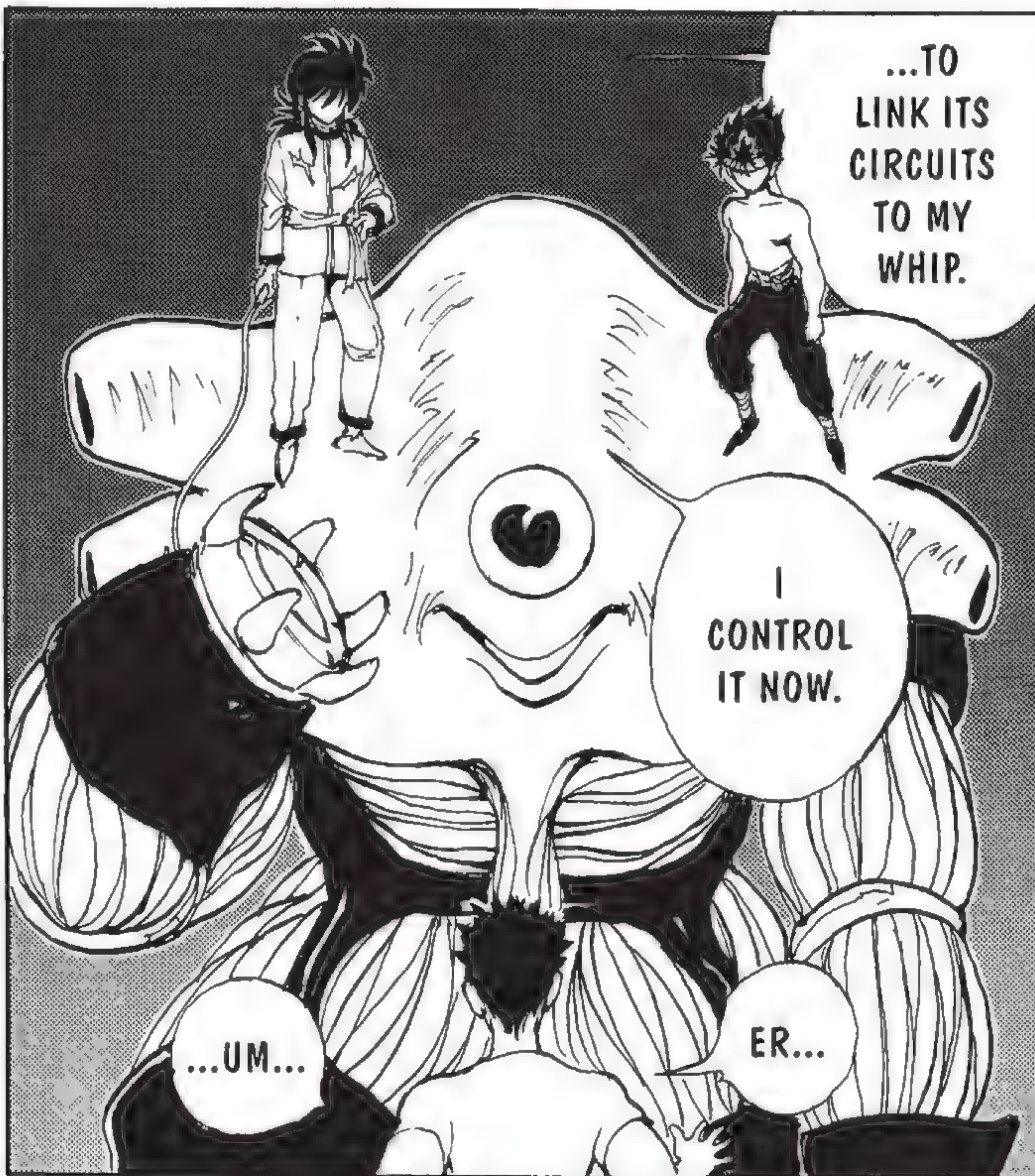
Whoopii!

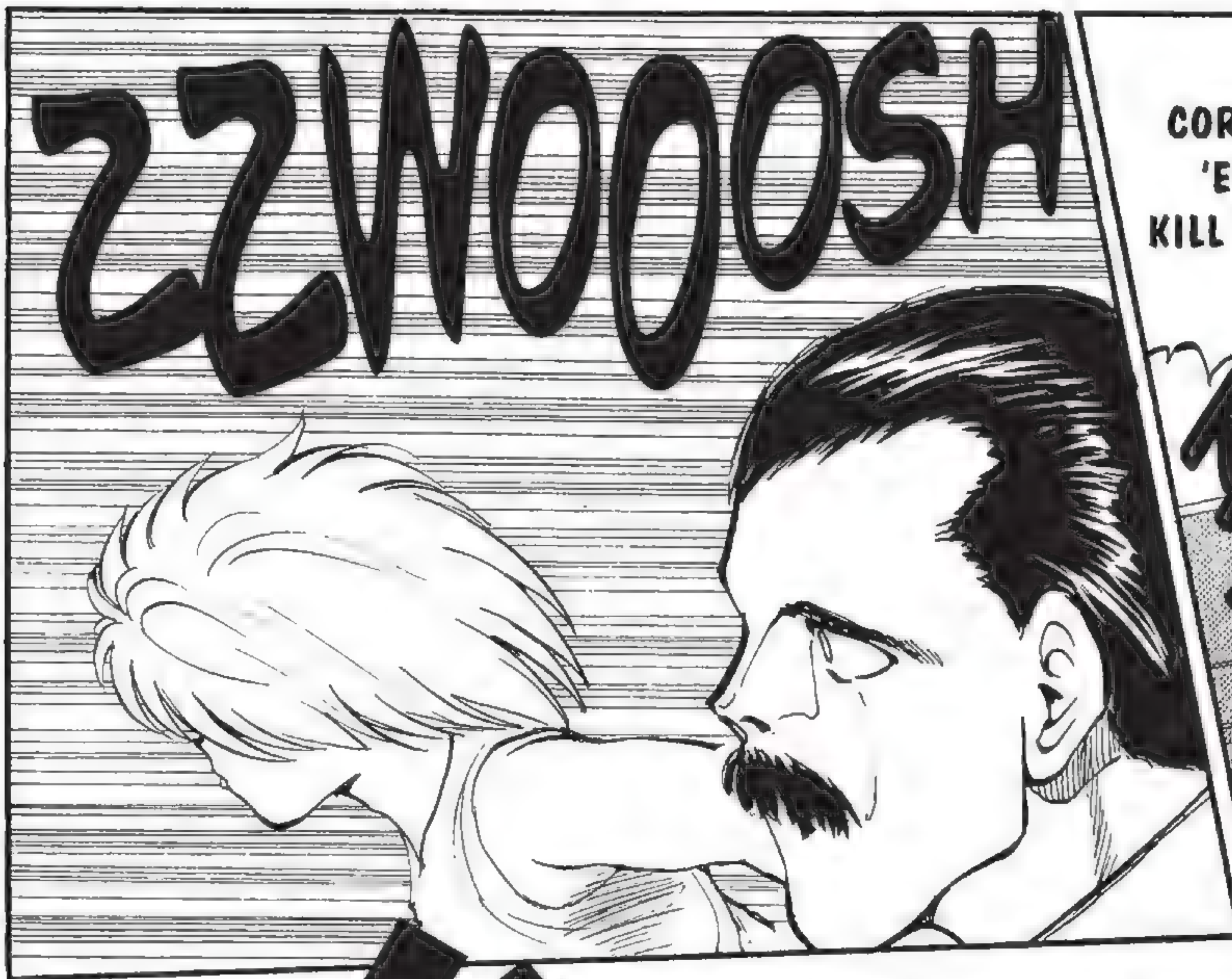
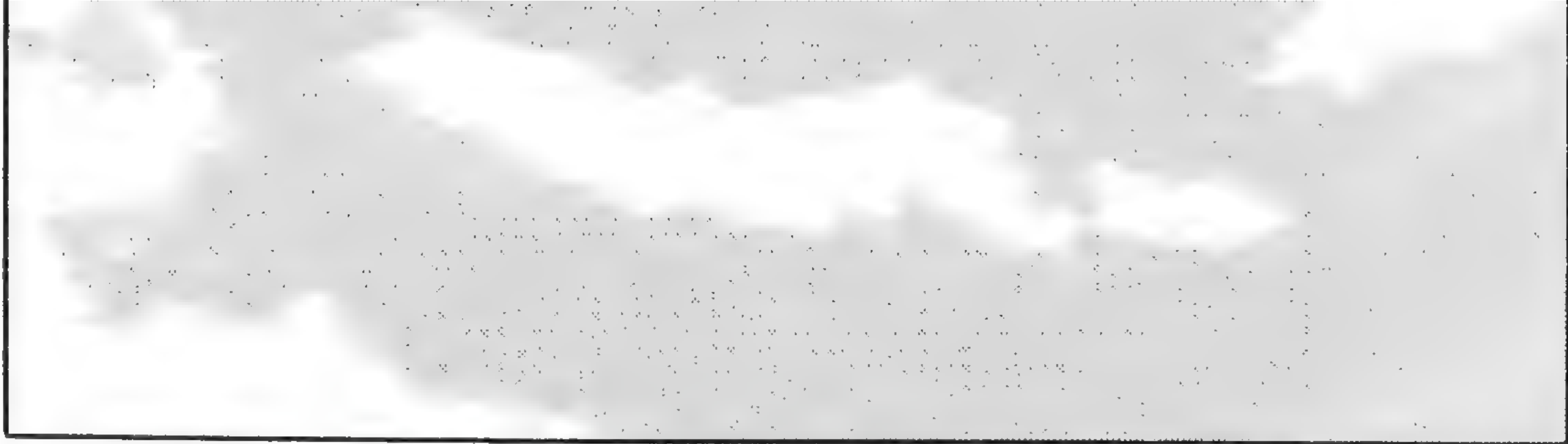
Whoopii!



HAW!
THAT
DID IT!!

MASH
'IM UP
GOOD!







...AND MISS THE
INVISIBLE THREATS!
THEIR FOES, MEANWHILE,
ATTACK WITH
COORDINATED
PRECISION!



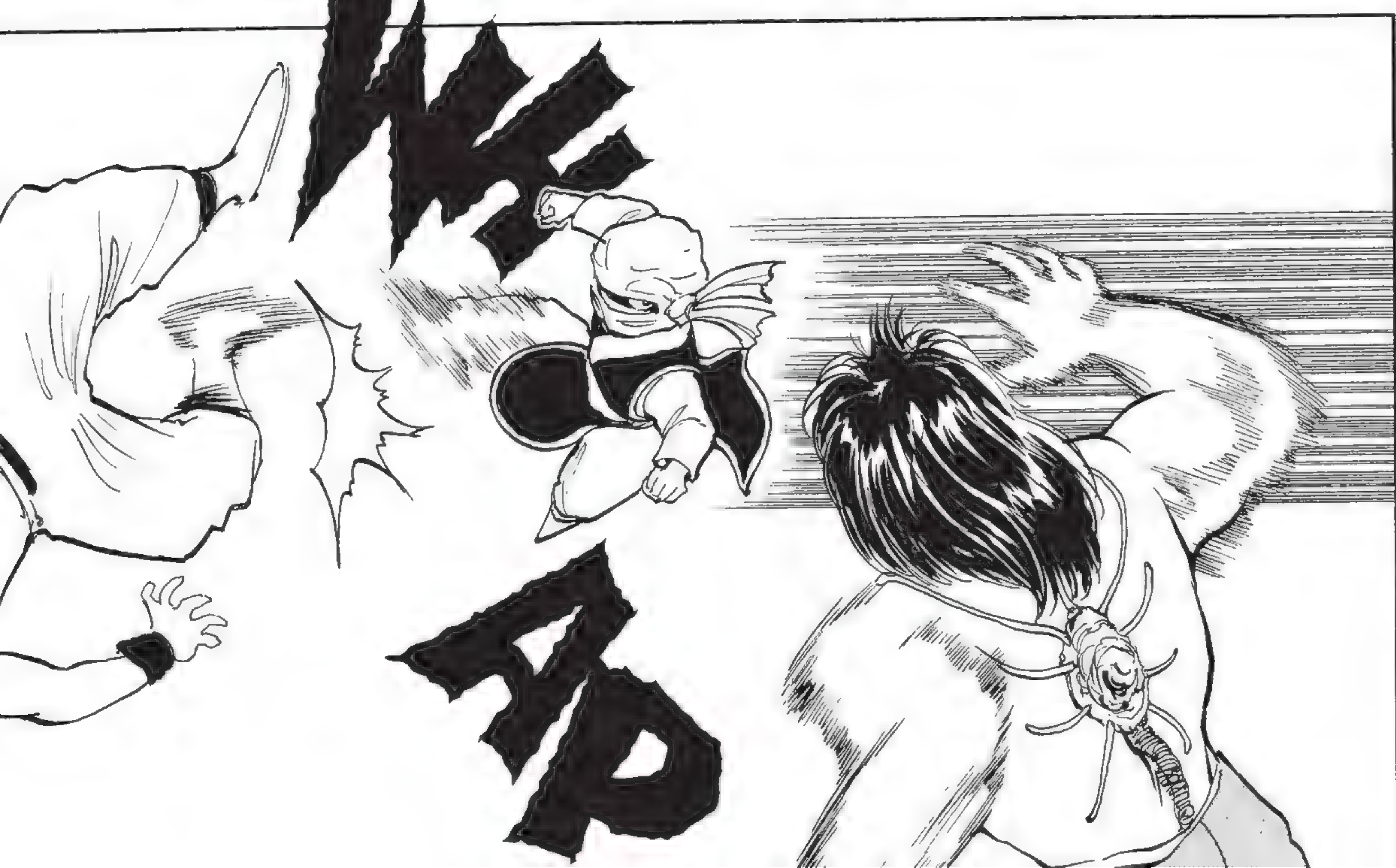
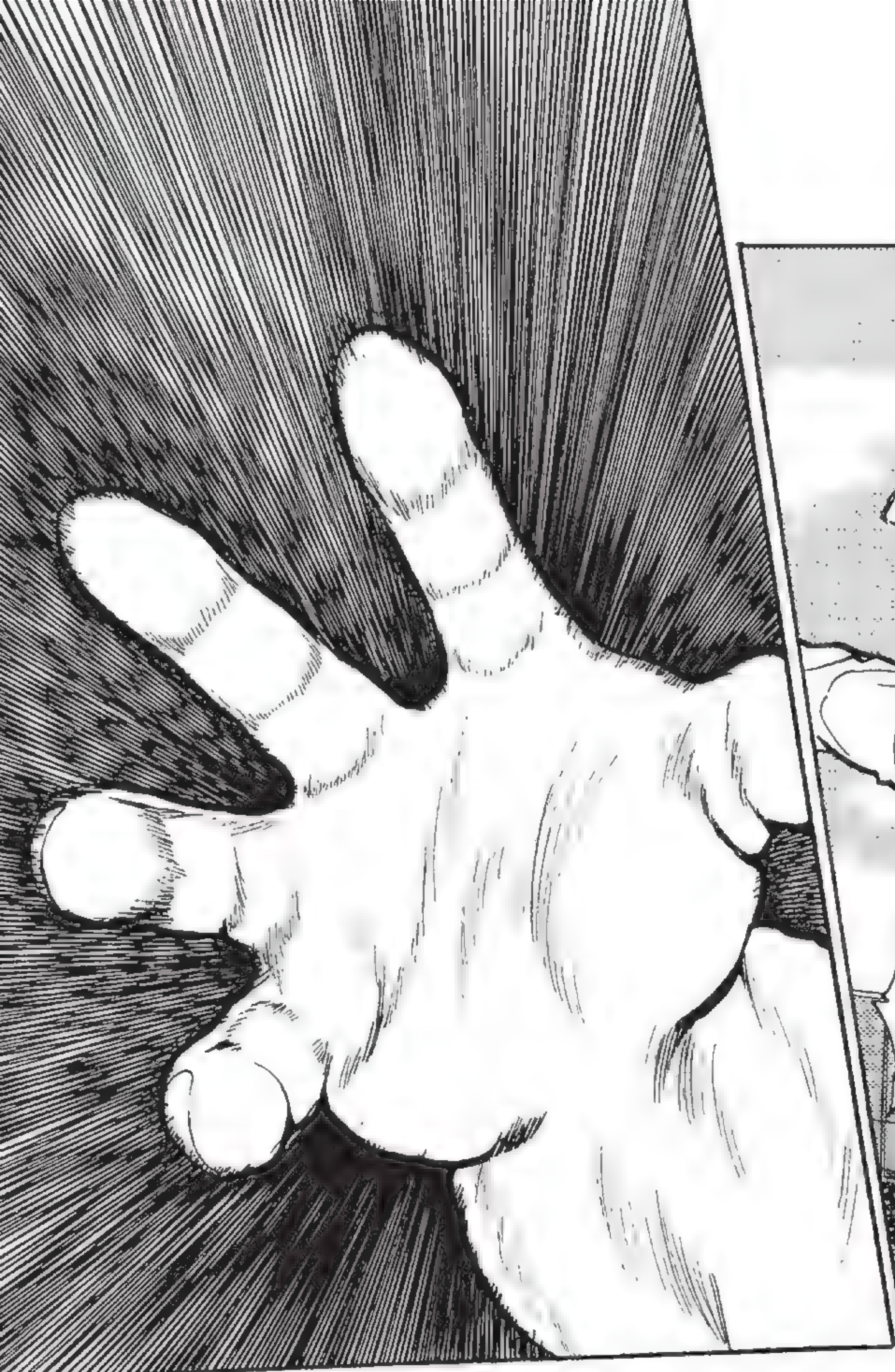
THEY FOCUS
ON THE
VISIBLE
RAZOR
RINGS...

OUR CHANCES
HERE STILL
STAND AT
99.95%!!

WE WILL
WIN!!

HEH HEH...WITH THEIR MINDS
CONTROLLED BY THE BLOOD-SLAVER
NODES ON THEIR BACKS, THEY'VE
DEMONSTRATED AN 80% VICTORY
RATE IN NORMAL ONE-ON-ONE
AND A VARIETY OF
ANOMALOUS
CONDITIONS!!







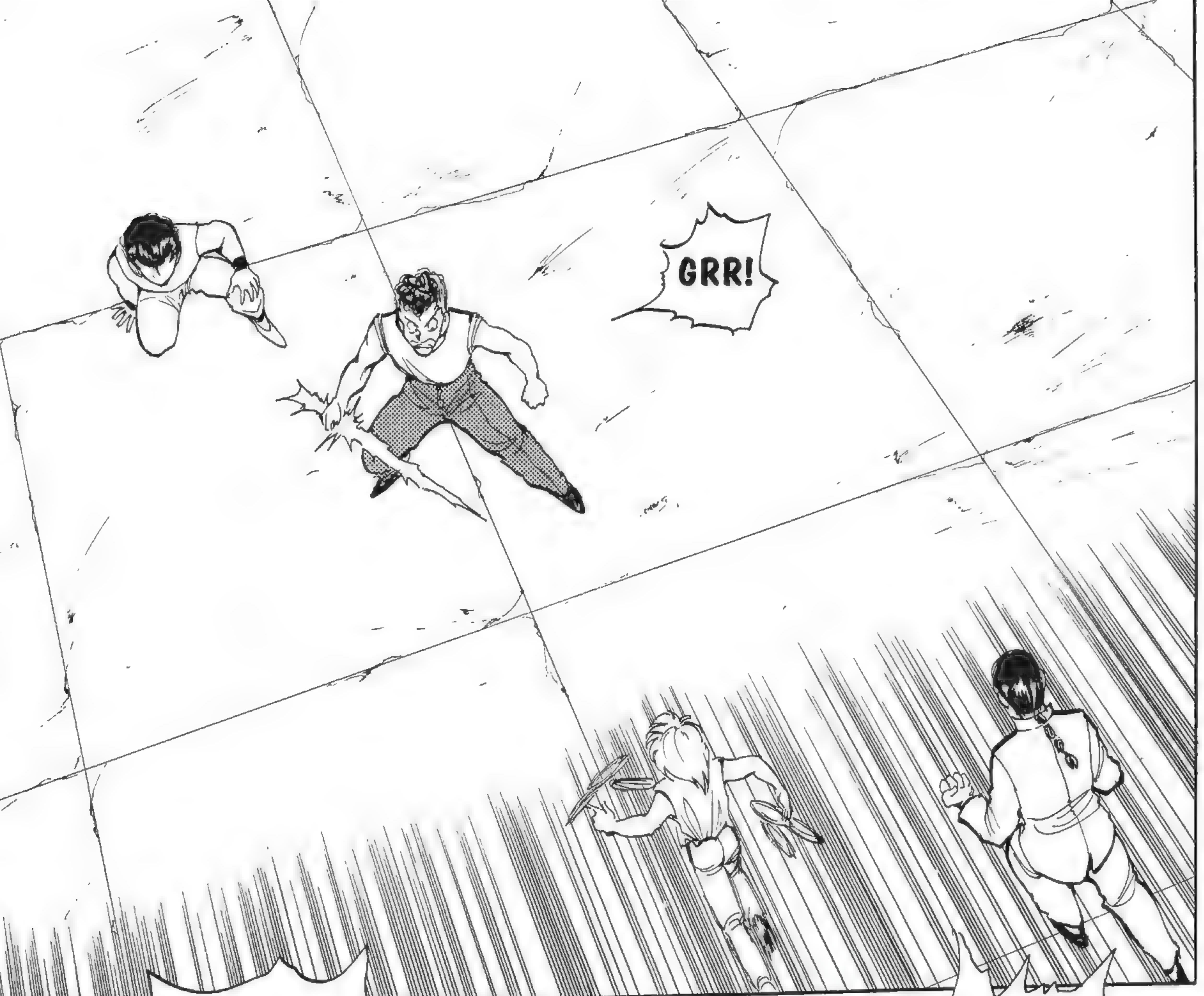
HE'S KNOCKED
OUT OF
BOUNDS!!
STARTING THE
COUNT!!

THE MASKED
FIGHTER TOOK
THE HOUND
CLAW HIT FOR
HIS TEAMMATE!



COMMENTATING FROM A MUCH SAFER POSITION THAN BEFORE.



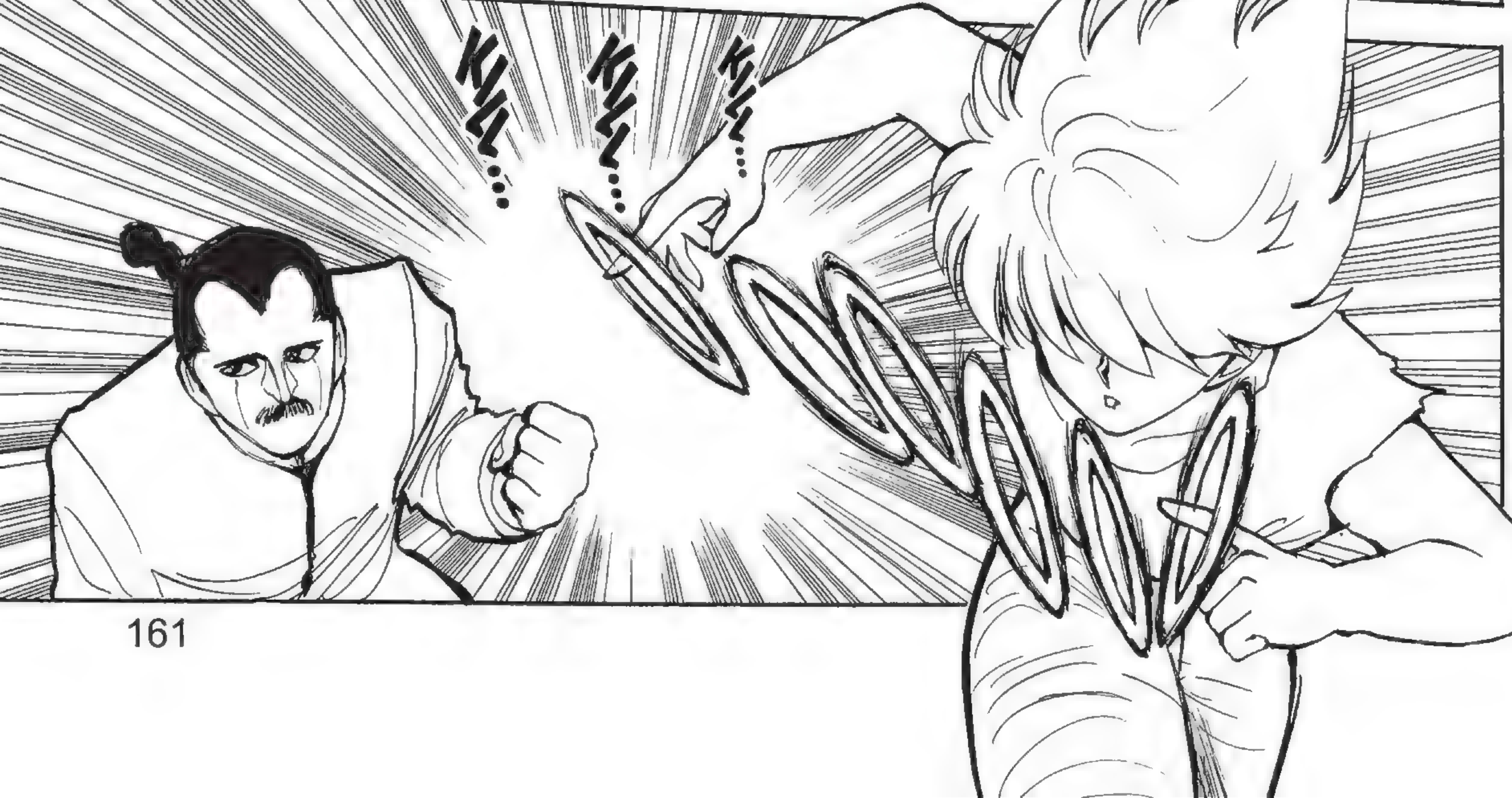


GRR!



**YOU GUYS
DON'T
WANNA DO
THIS!!**

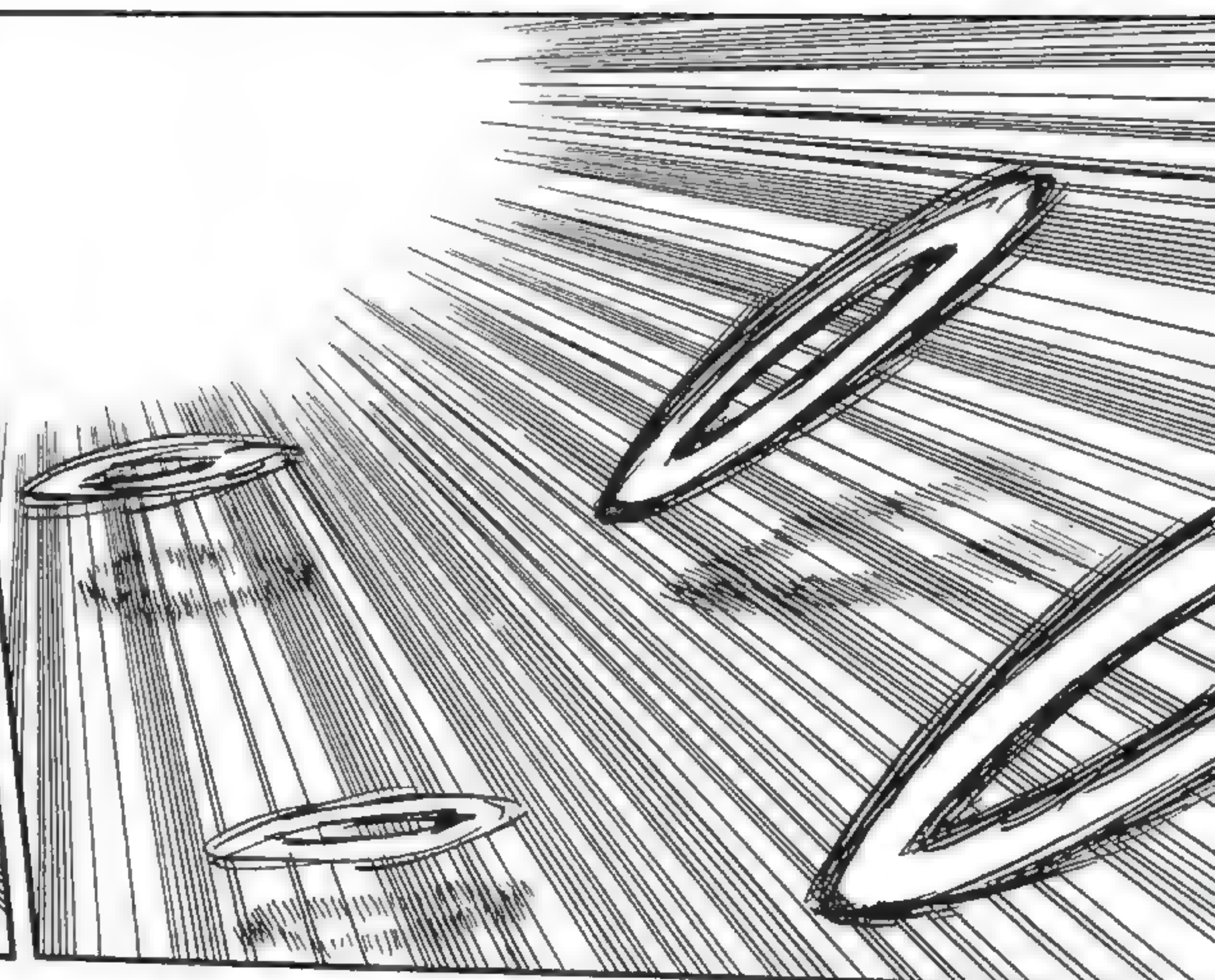
**SNAP
OUT OF
IT!!**



KZZ...

KZZ...

KZZ...



THE BLOOD-SLAVER
NODES LITERALLY ENSLAVE
THE BLOOD, AND THROUGH
THE BLOOD, THE BRAIN.
THERE'S NO TALKING
THEM OUT OF THEIR
HOMICIDAL FURY!!



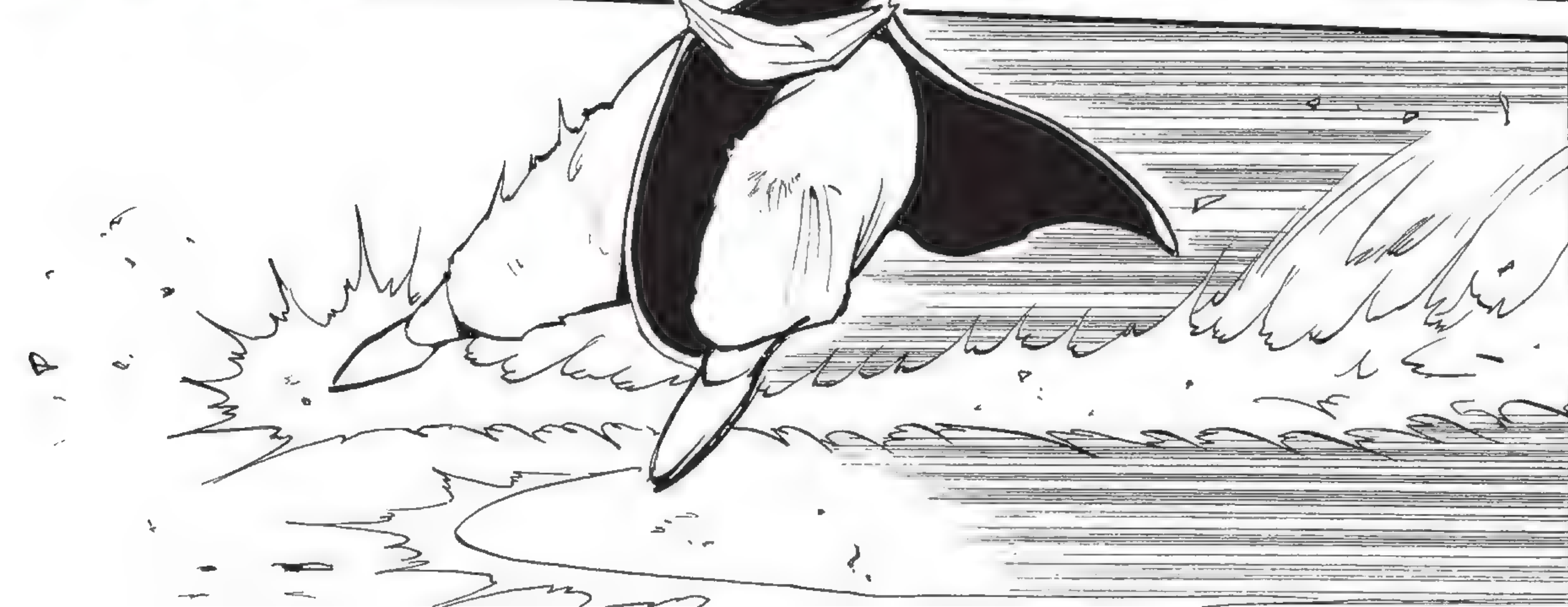
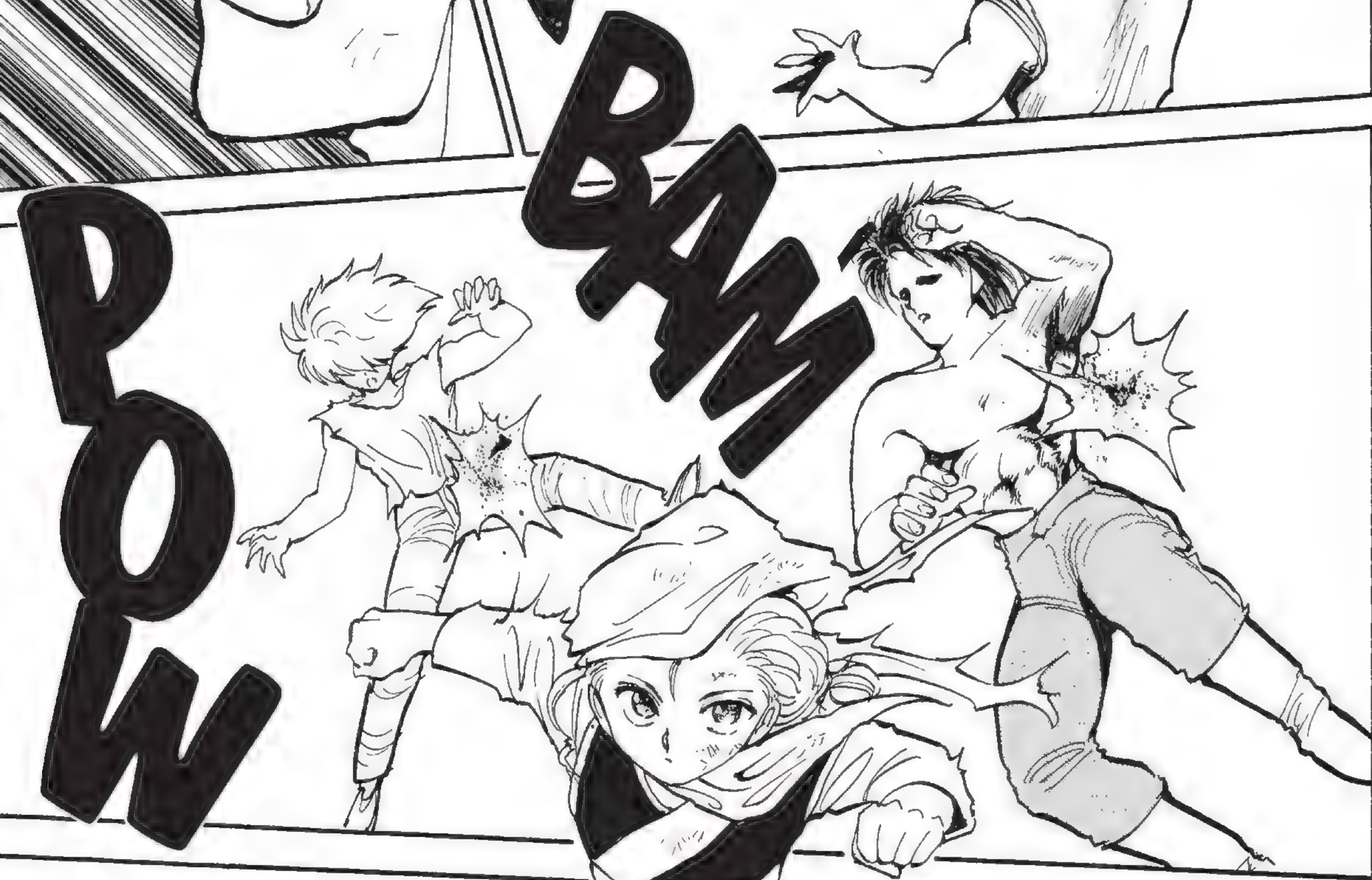
HEH HEH...
WHAT THEY WANT
DOESN'T MATTER
ONE WHIT!

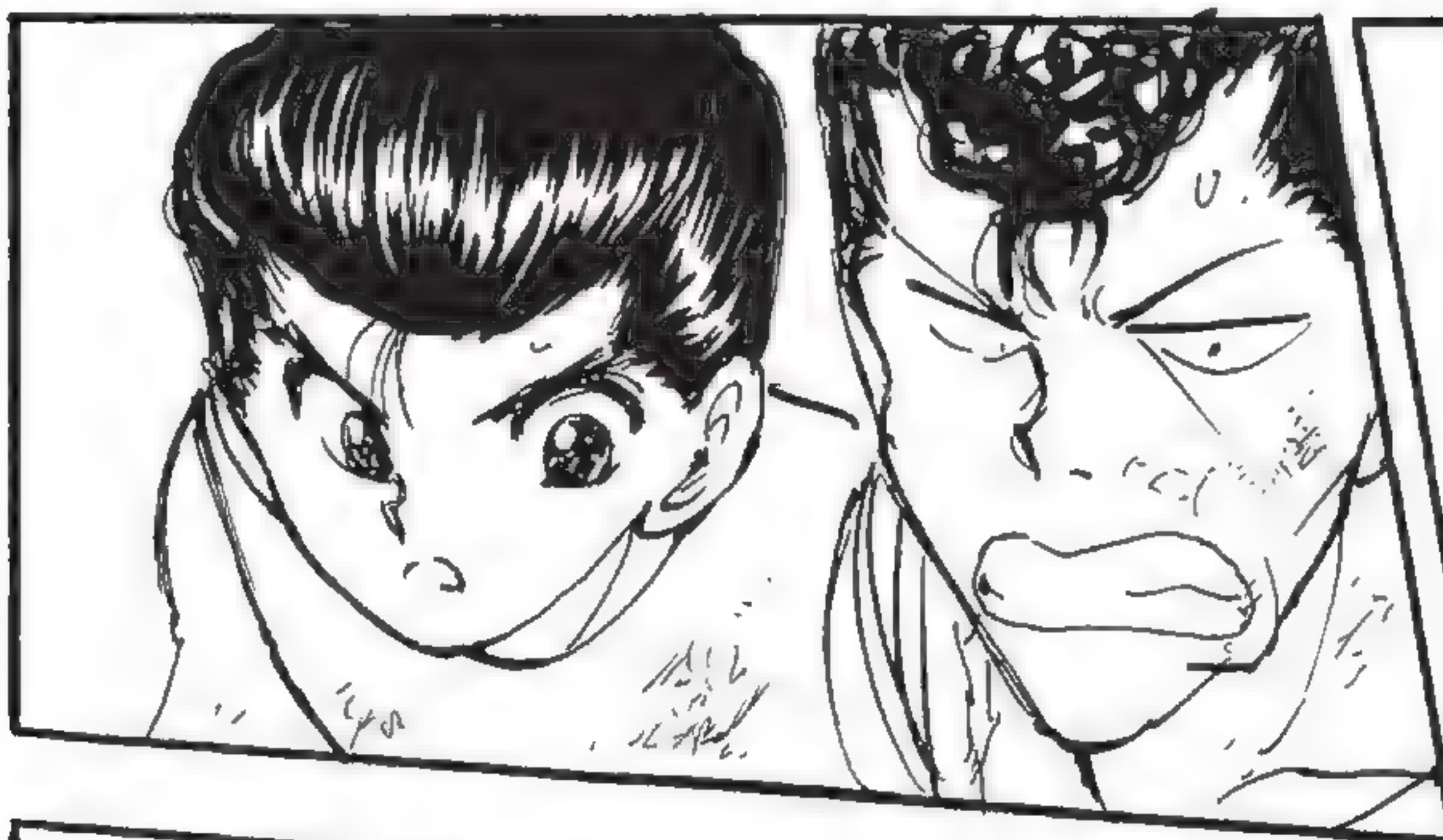
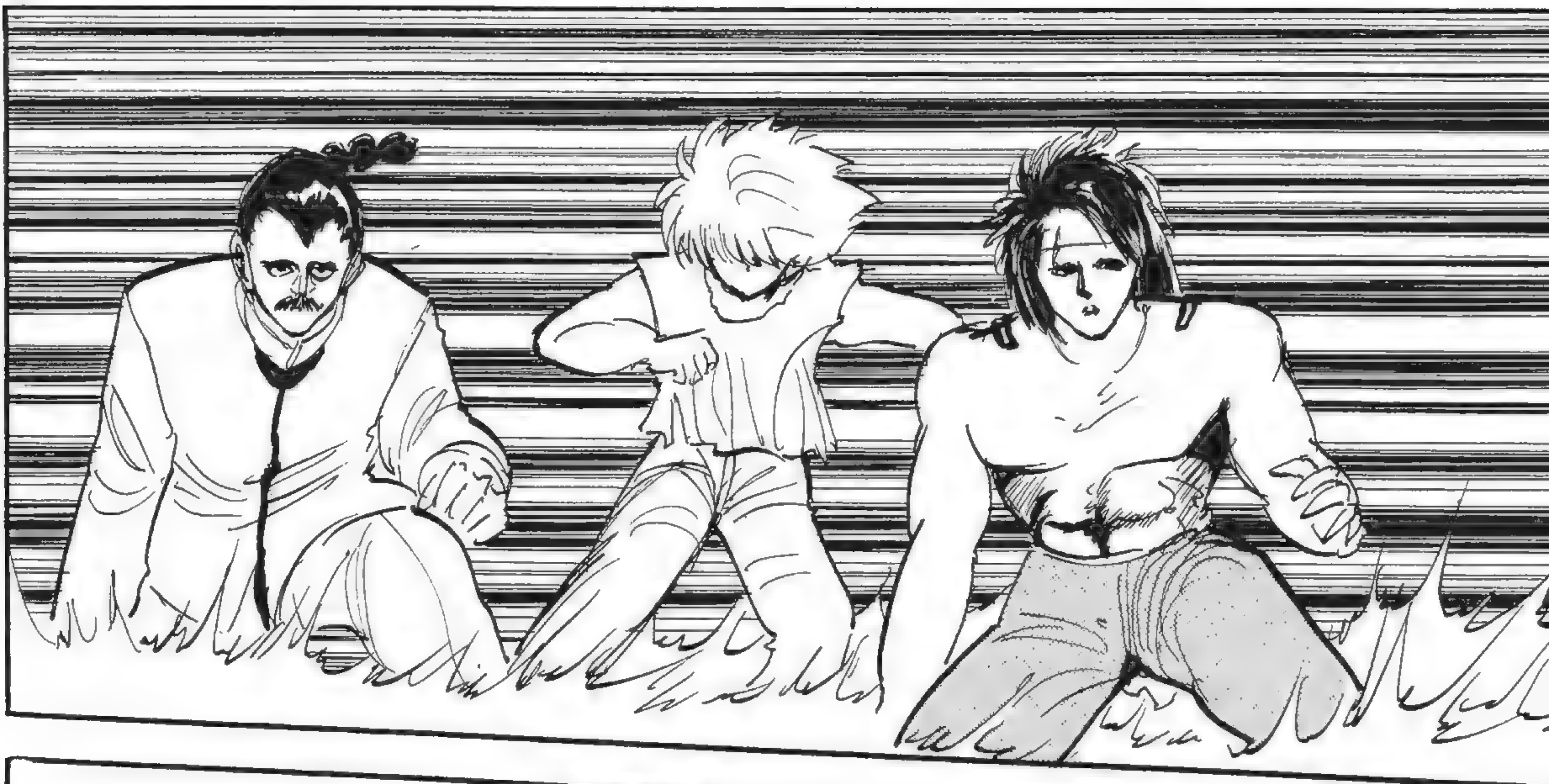
THESE GUYS
AREN'T THE
REAL ENEMY!!



BLAST
IT!!







DO YOU
THINK BY
LOSING
YOU'LL SAVE
THEIR
SOULS?

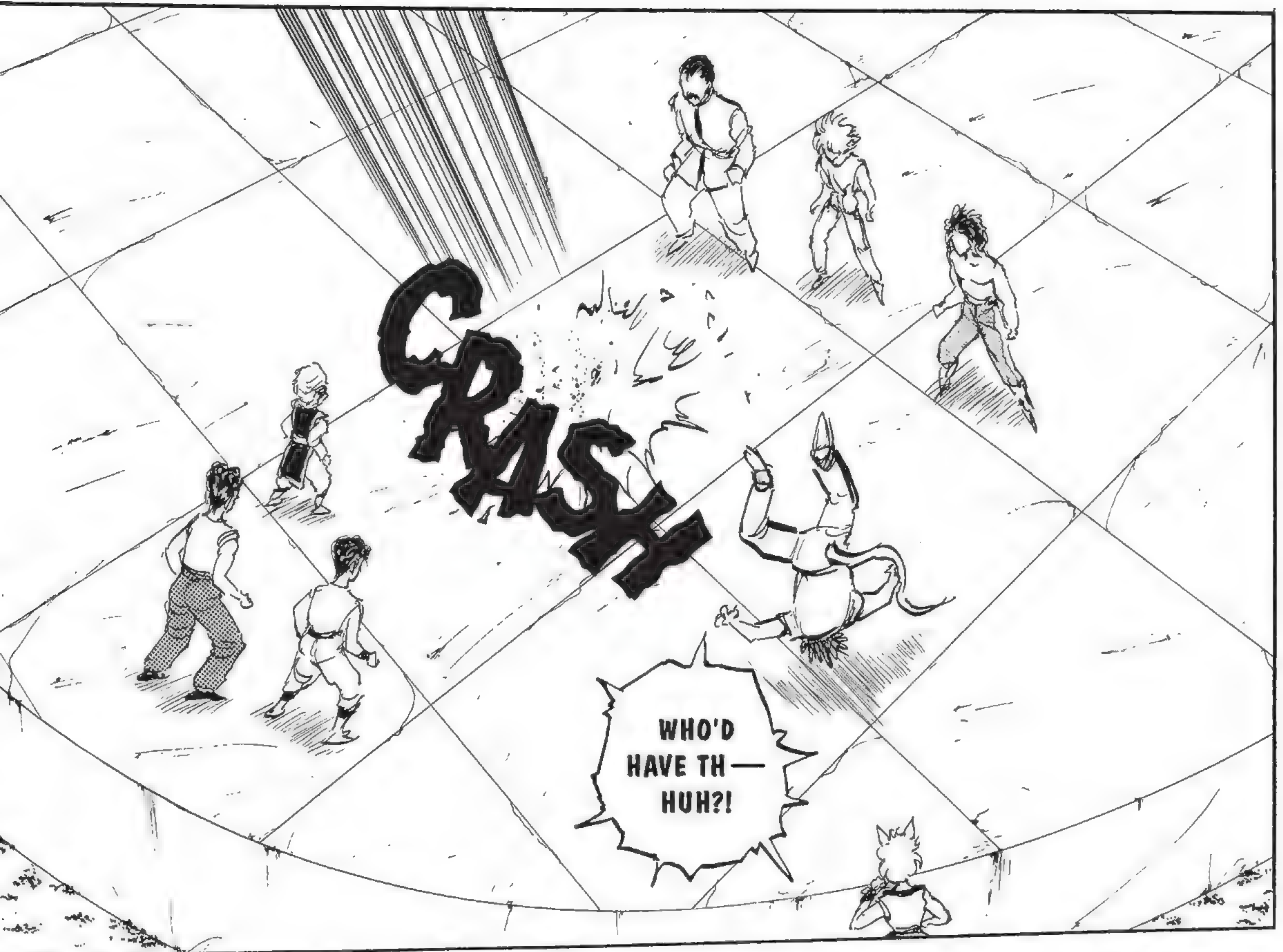
YOU IDIOTS!
DON'T
HESITATE!

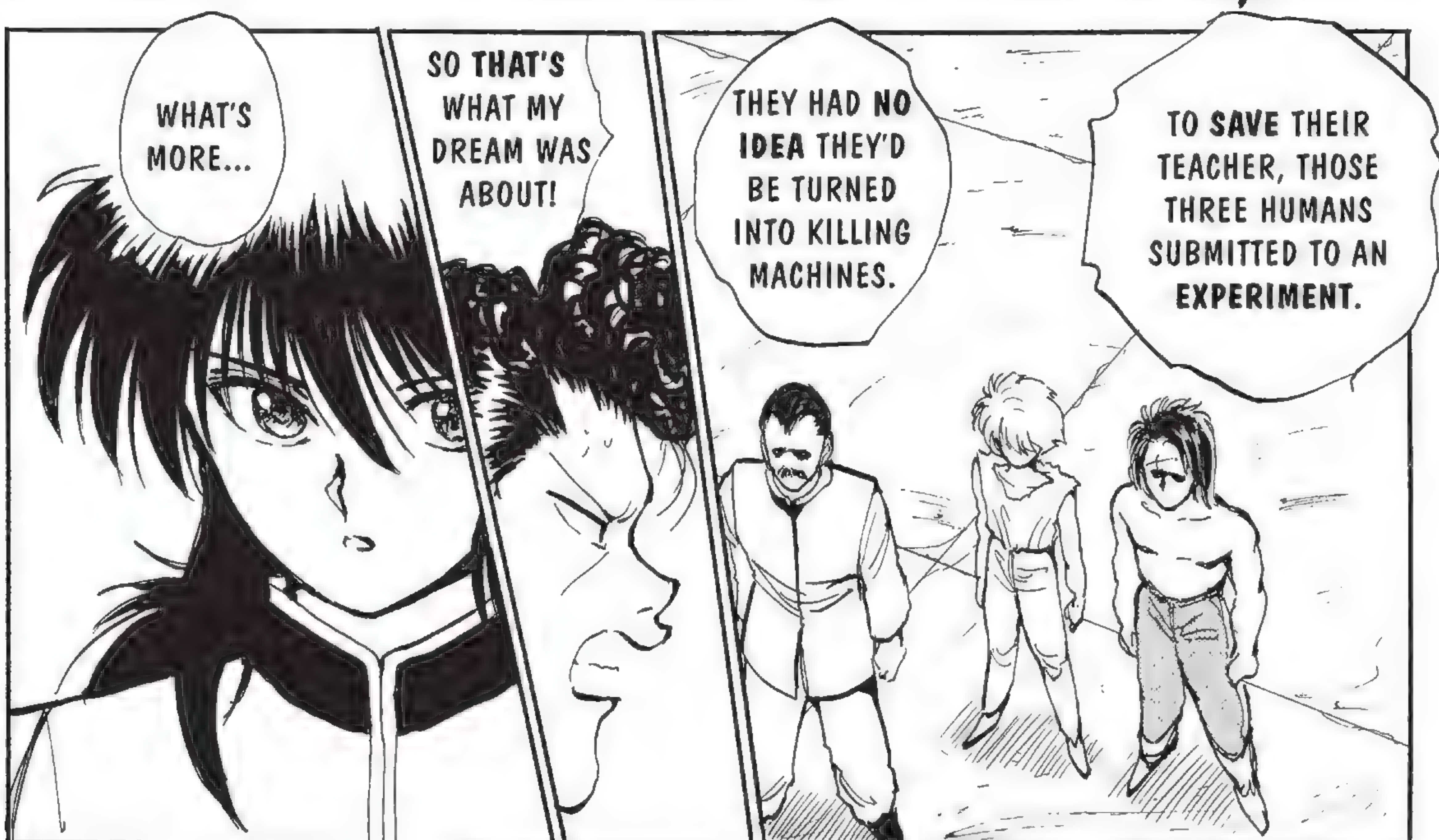
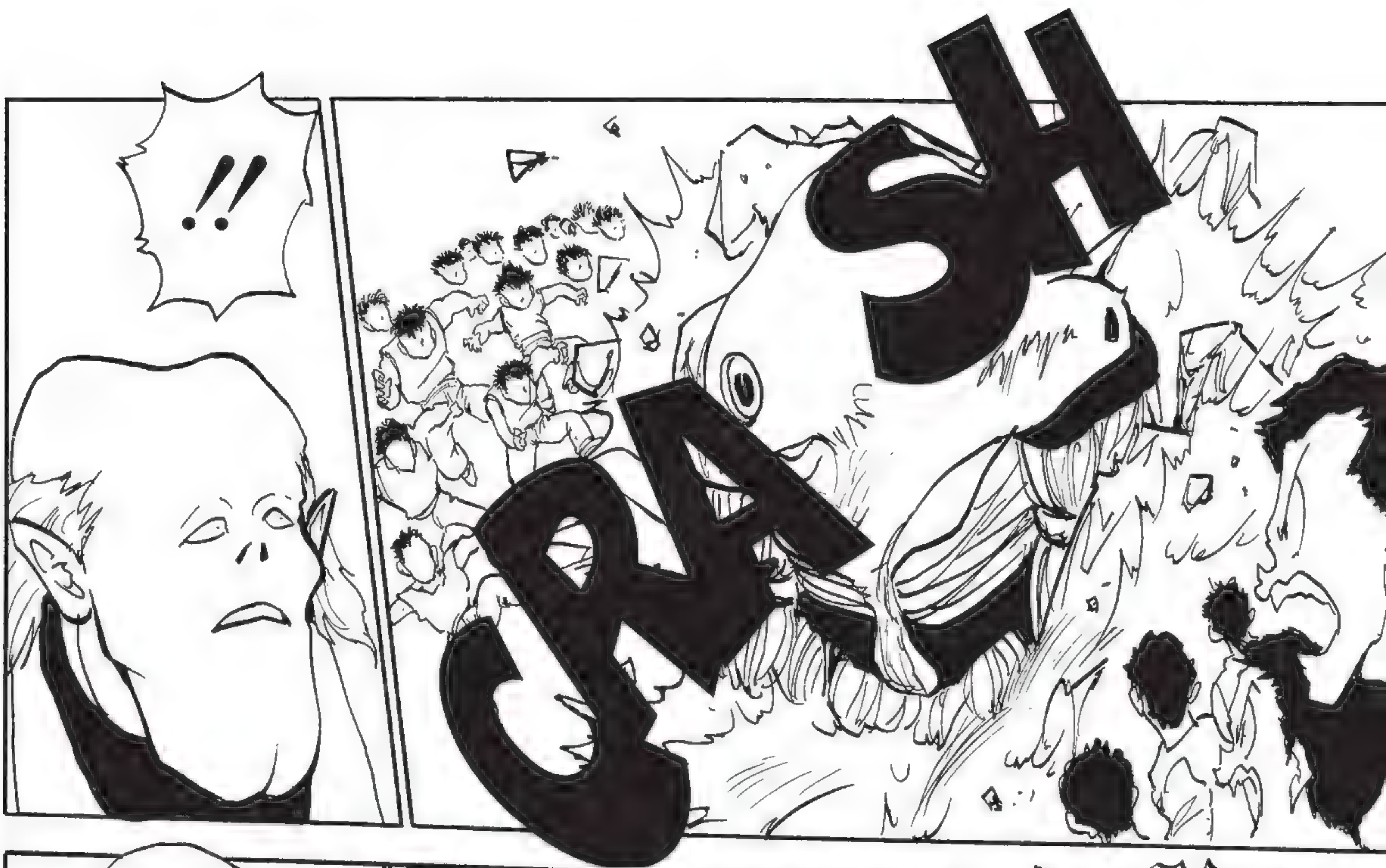


AND NOW WE
KNOW —
SHE'S A
YOUNG
WOMAN!!

THE
MASKED
FIGHTER'S
UP AT THE
4-COUNT!









...ICHIGAKI
CAUSED THEIR
TEACHER TO
FALL ILL IN THE
FIRST PLACE.



GYUK
GYUK..



SAY...

...WHAT?



THE ANGRIER
THEY GET AT ME,
THE HARDER
TIME THEY'LL
HAVE FIGHTING
MY THRALLS!!

FOOLS!
THIS WILL
ONLY WORK
IN MY
FAVOR.

SORRY - I USED TO DO THESE.



FAMOUS PERSON'S
PICTURE IN A
TEXTBOOK.



TWO SHOT

YUYU HAKUSHO TALES



SPECIAL BONUS EPISODE



HIEI

THIEF; WEILDER OF THE EVIL EYE,
WHICH GRANTS VARIOUS
ARCANE ABILITIES.
THE EYE IS A TREASURE
HE ACQUIRED...
THAT IS TO SAY,
STOLE FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE.

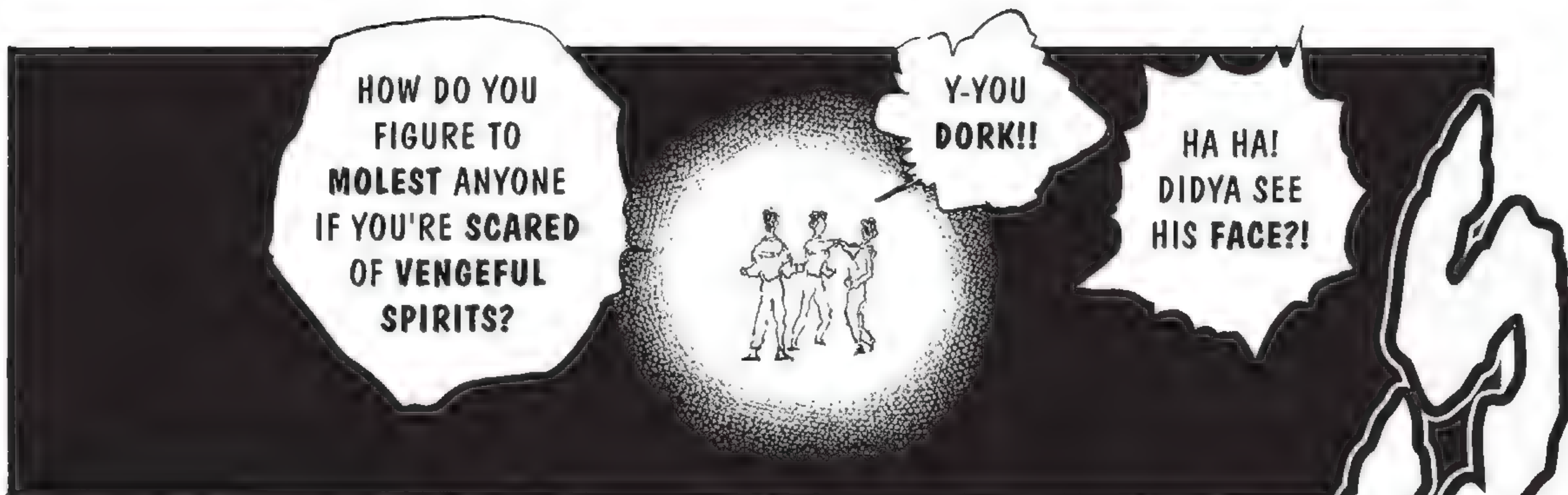
KURAMA

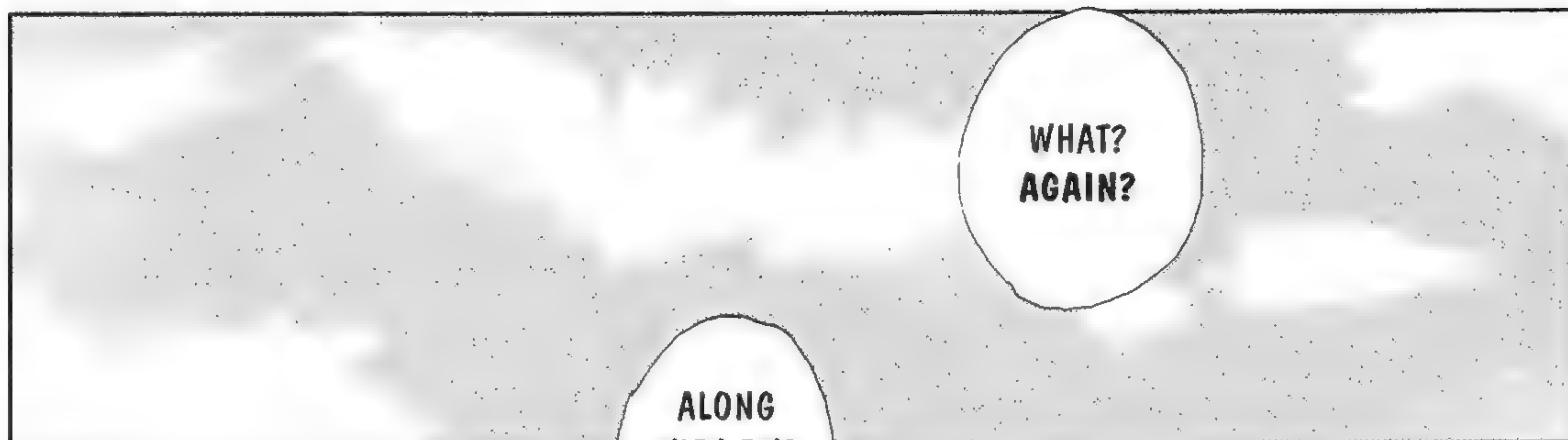
A FOX DEMON THAT POSSESSED
A HUMAN IN UTERO.
SUPPRESSING HIS DEMONIC
POWERS, HE LIVES AMONG
HUMANS AS SHUICHI
MINAMINO.

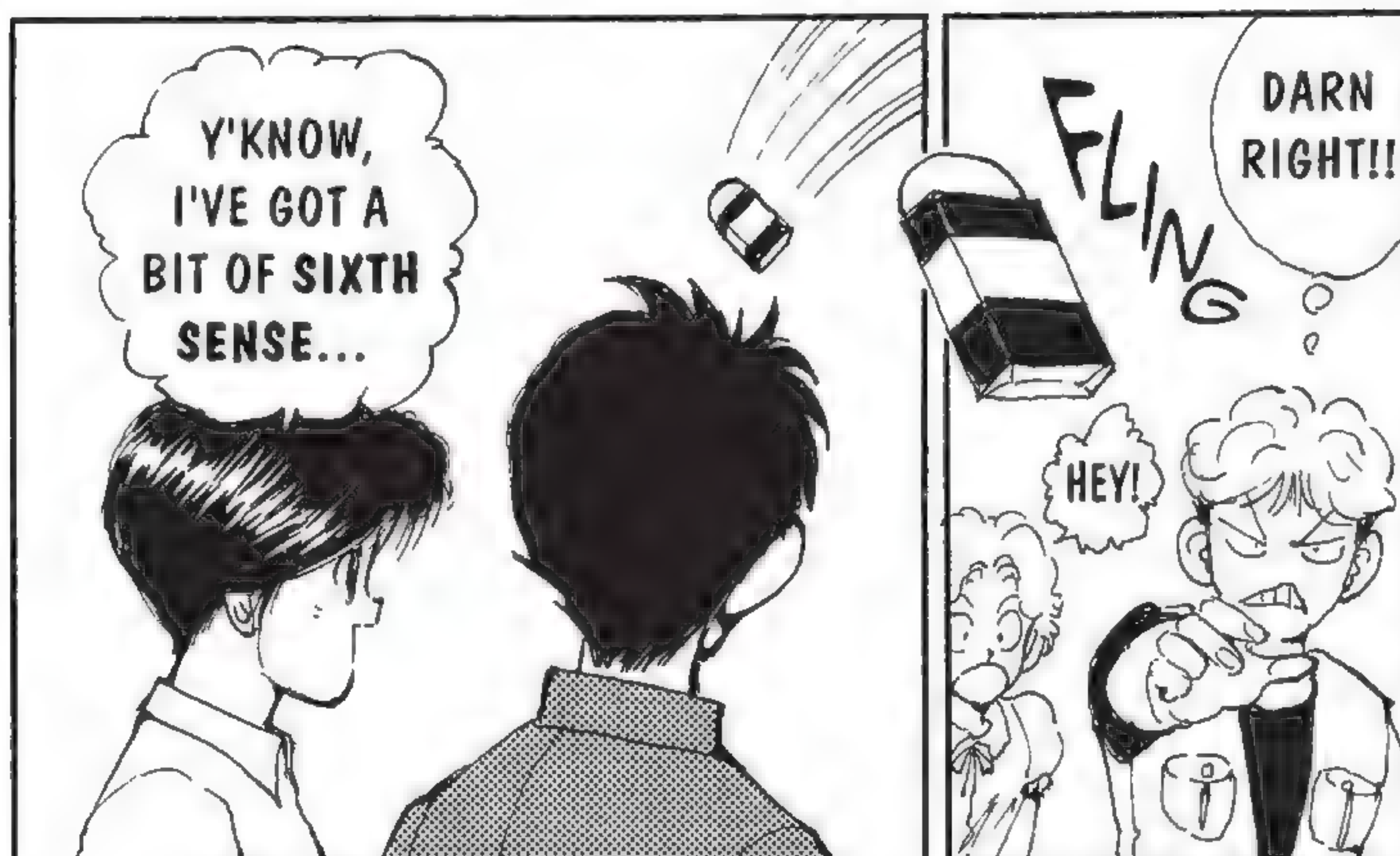
...THESE TWO
MET.

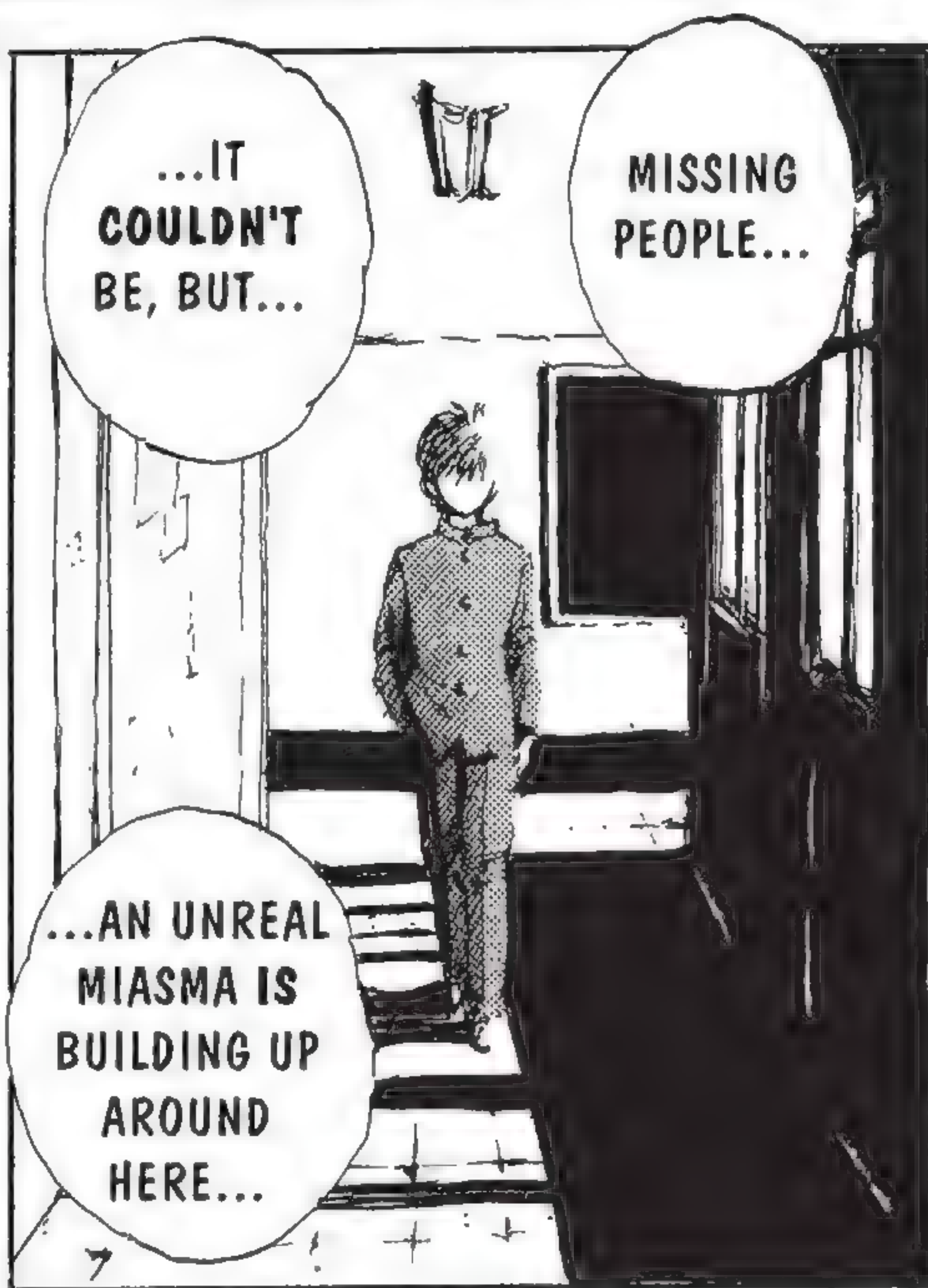
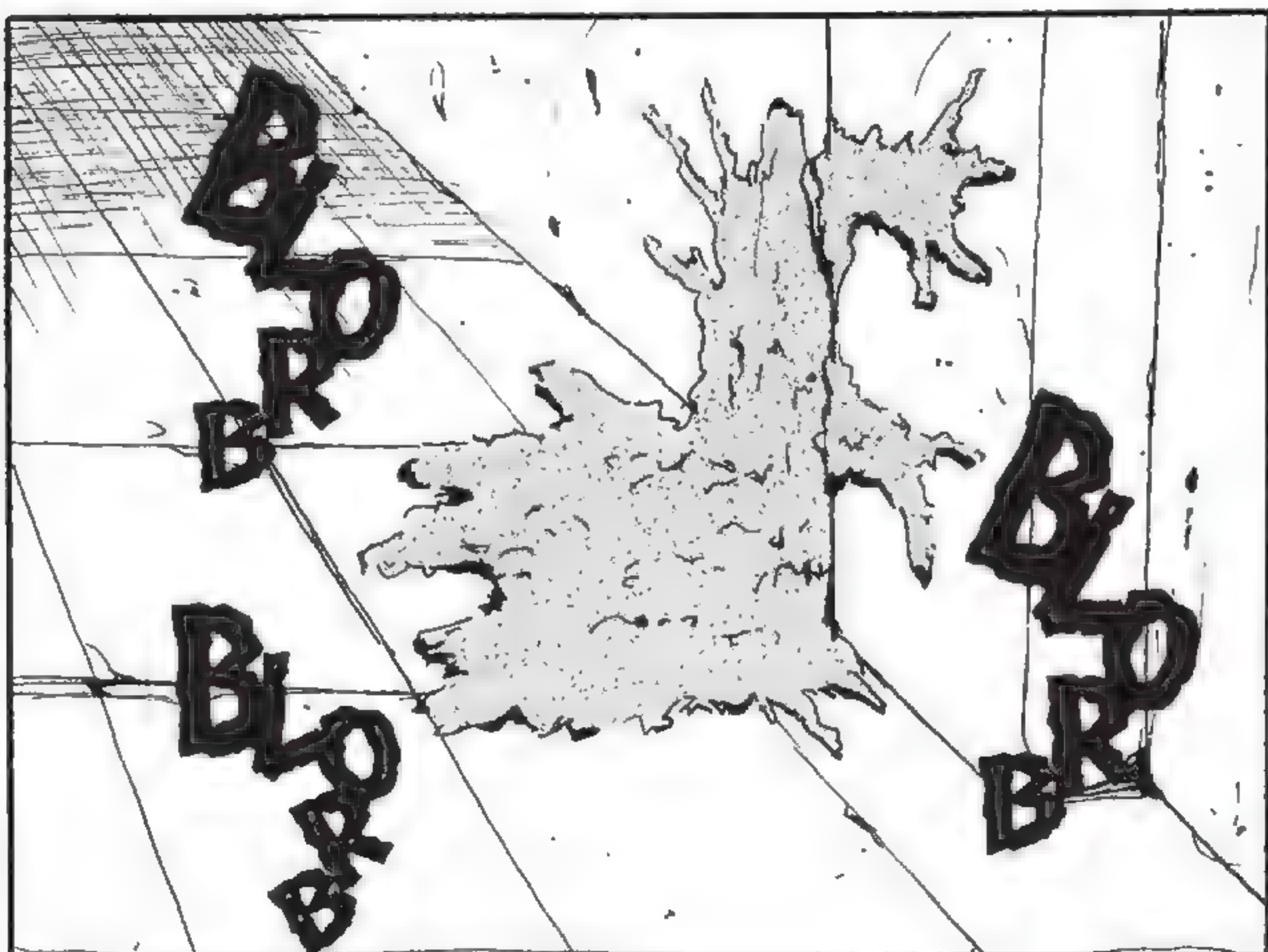
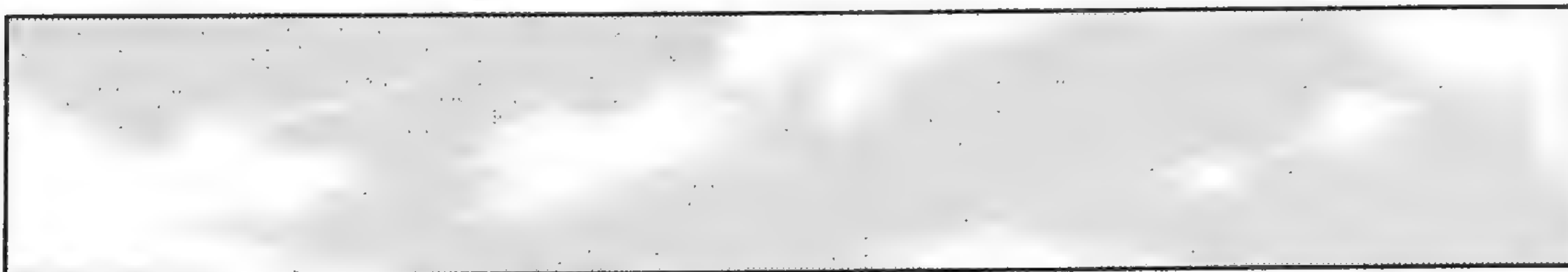
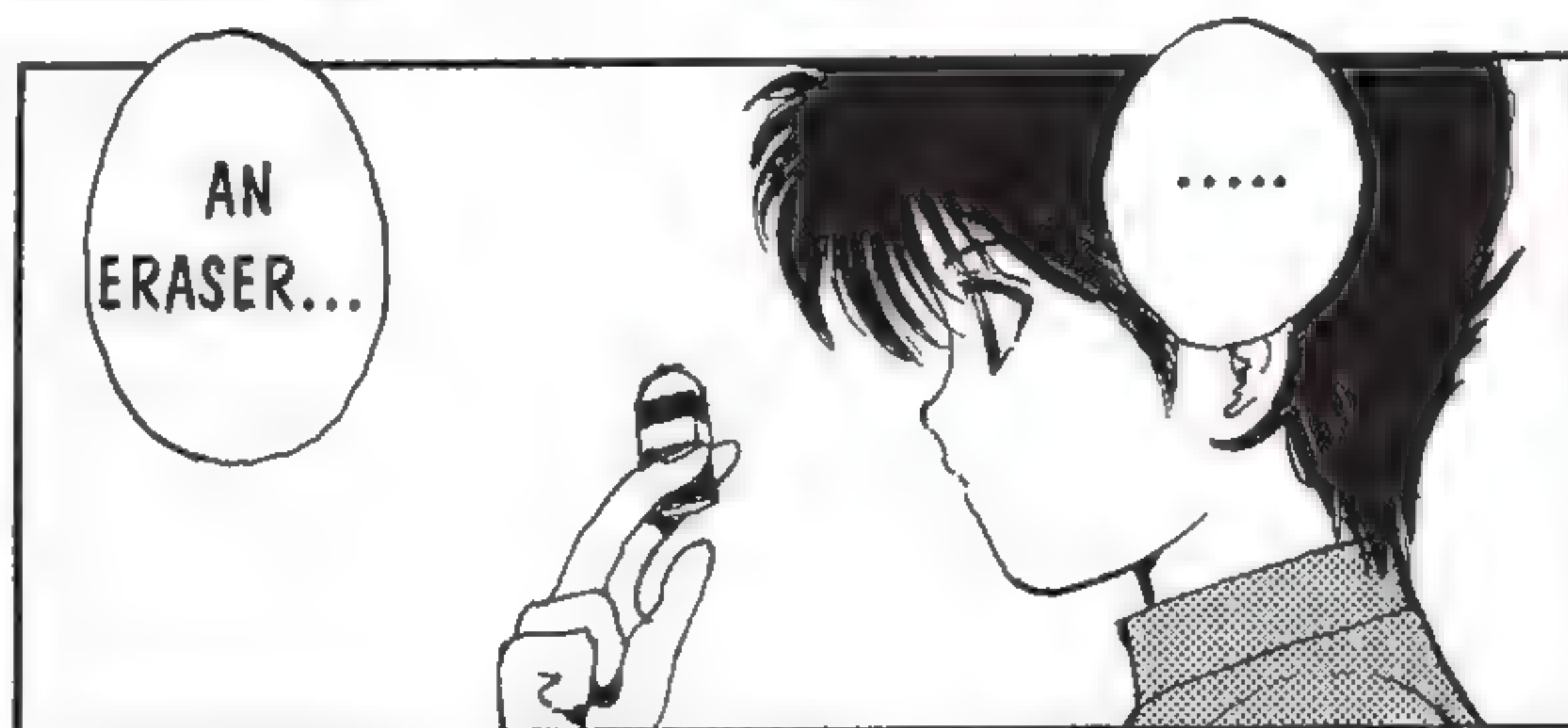
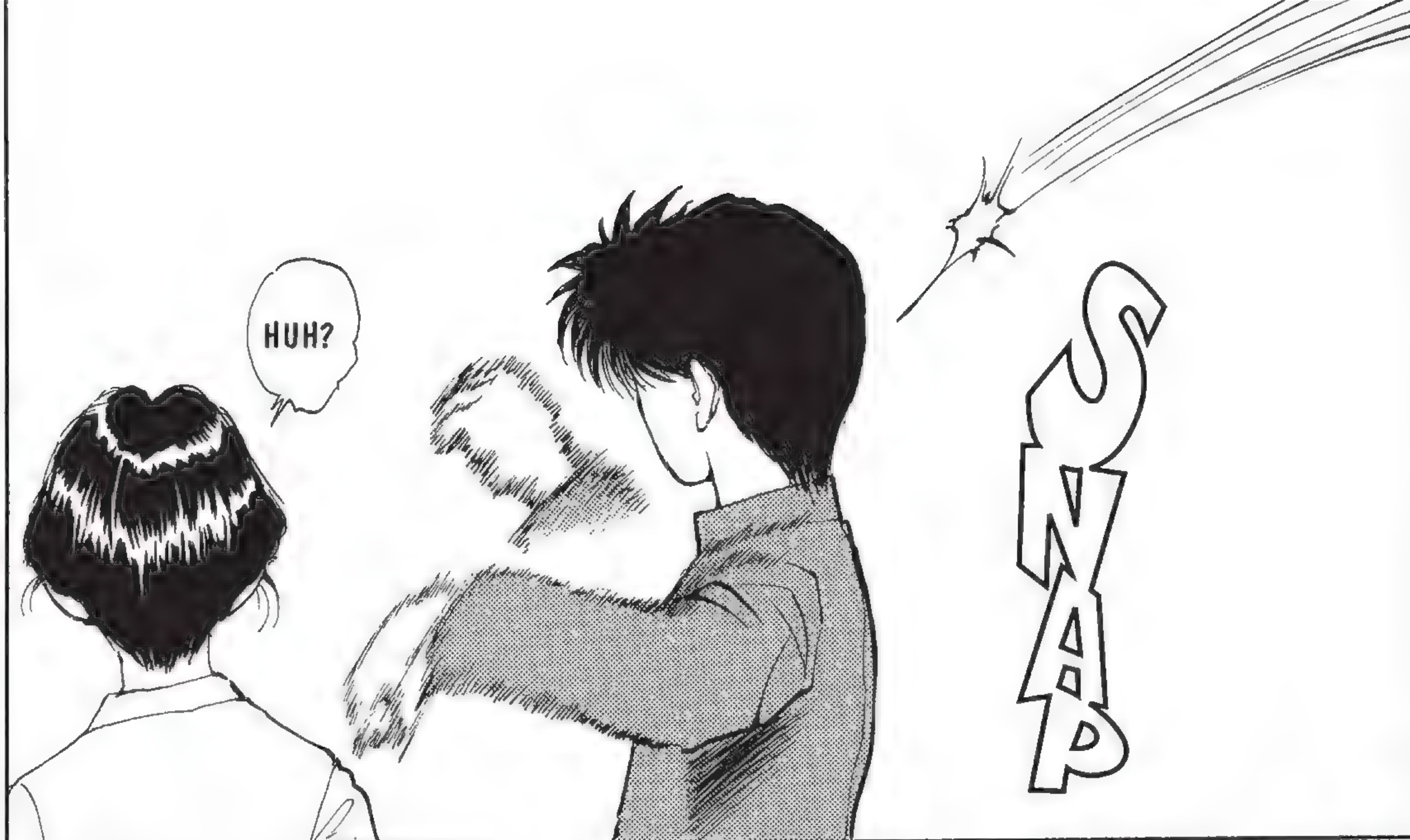
HERE IS THE
TALE OF
HOW...

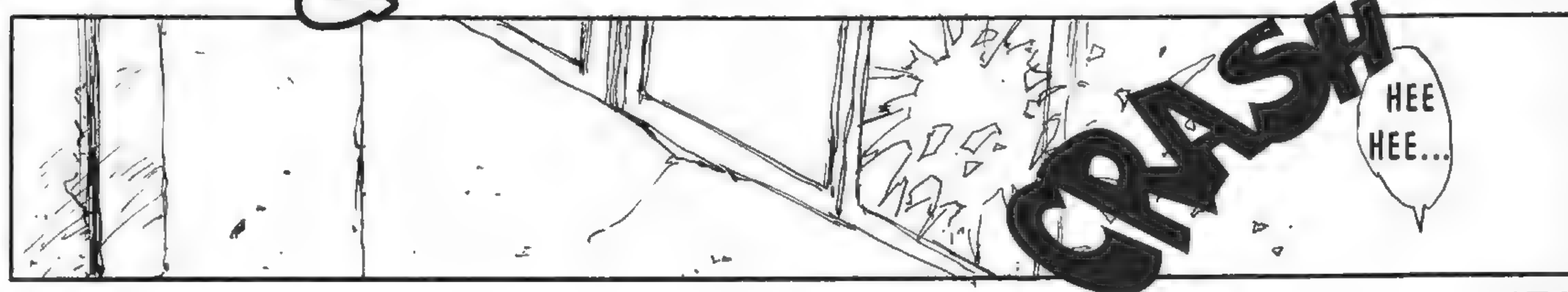
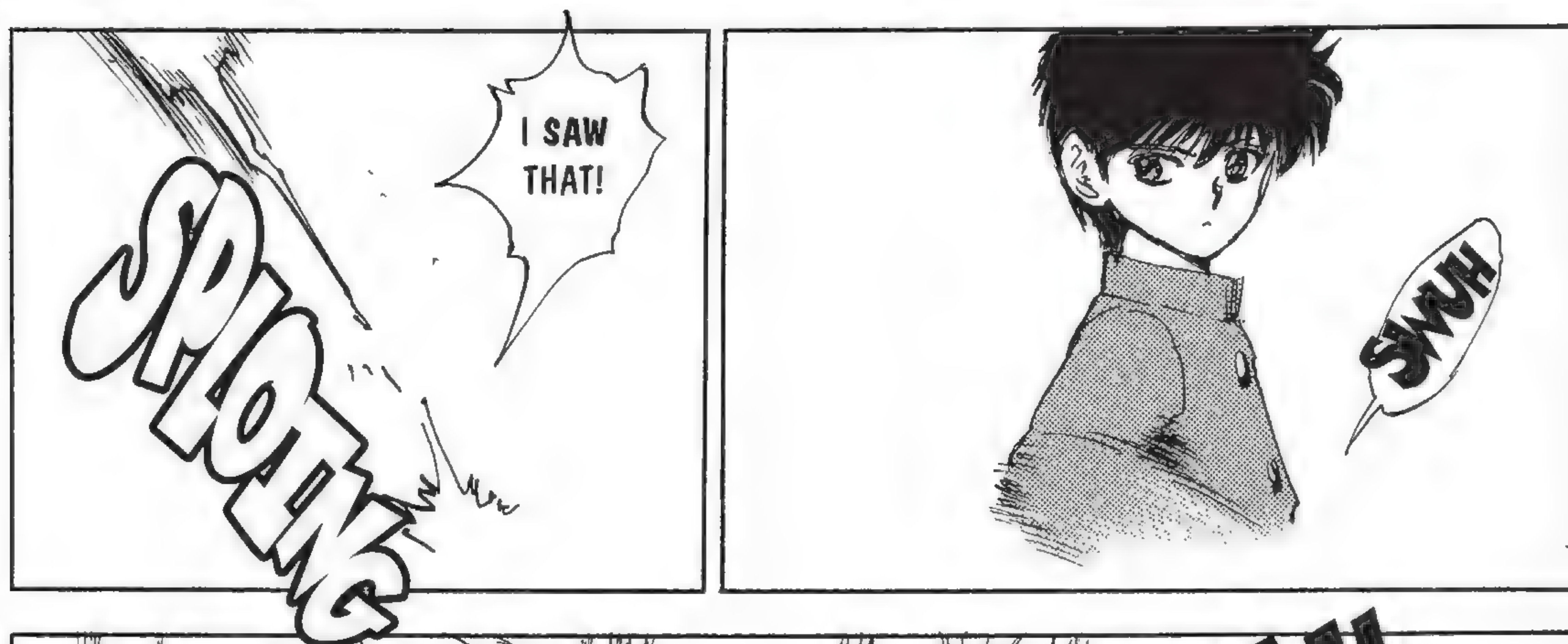














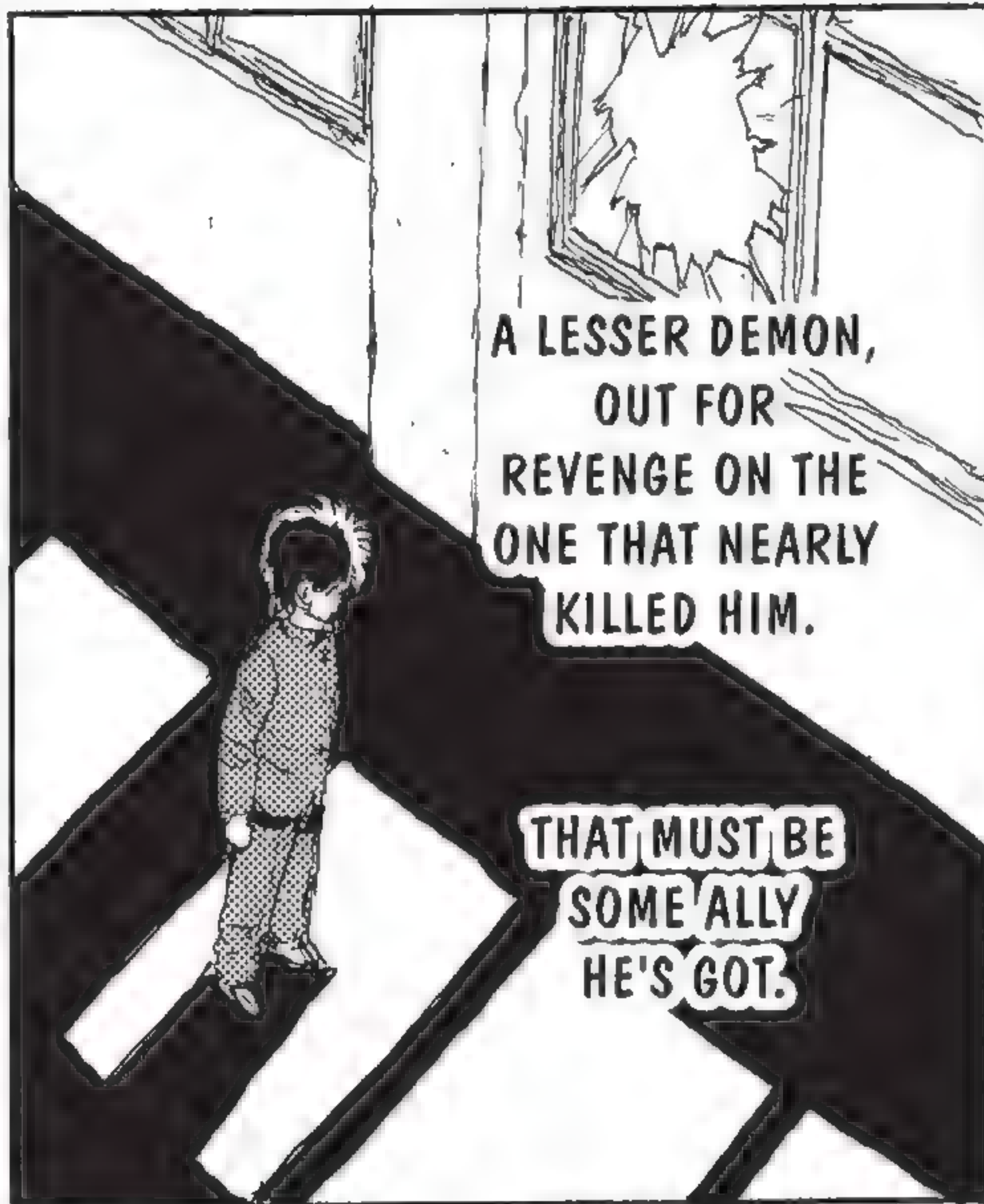
...BUT IF HE'S
DECLARED THIS TOWN
HIS HUNTING
GROUND...

I'D RATHER
NOT MANIFEST
MY OWN
POWERS...



...FROM THE
HUMAN SIDE OF
THE DEMON WHO
PROTECTS IT.

...HE'LL
RECEIVE
NO MORE
MERCY...



A LESSER DEMON,
OUT FOR
REVENGE ON THE
ONE THAT NEARLY
KILLED HIM.

THAT MUST BE
SOME ALLY
HE'S GOT.



...A
GHOST?

WHAT WAS
THAT?
A...



I WAS
AFRAID OF
THIS...
MY
PRESENCE
HAS
ENHANCED
HER SIXTH
SENSE...!!

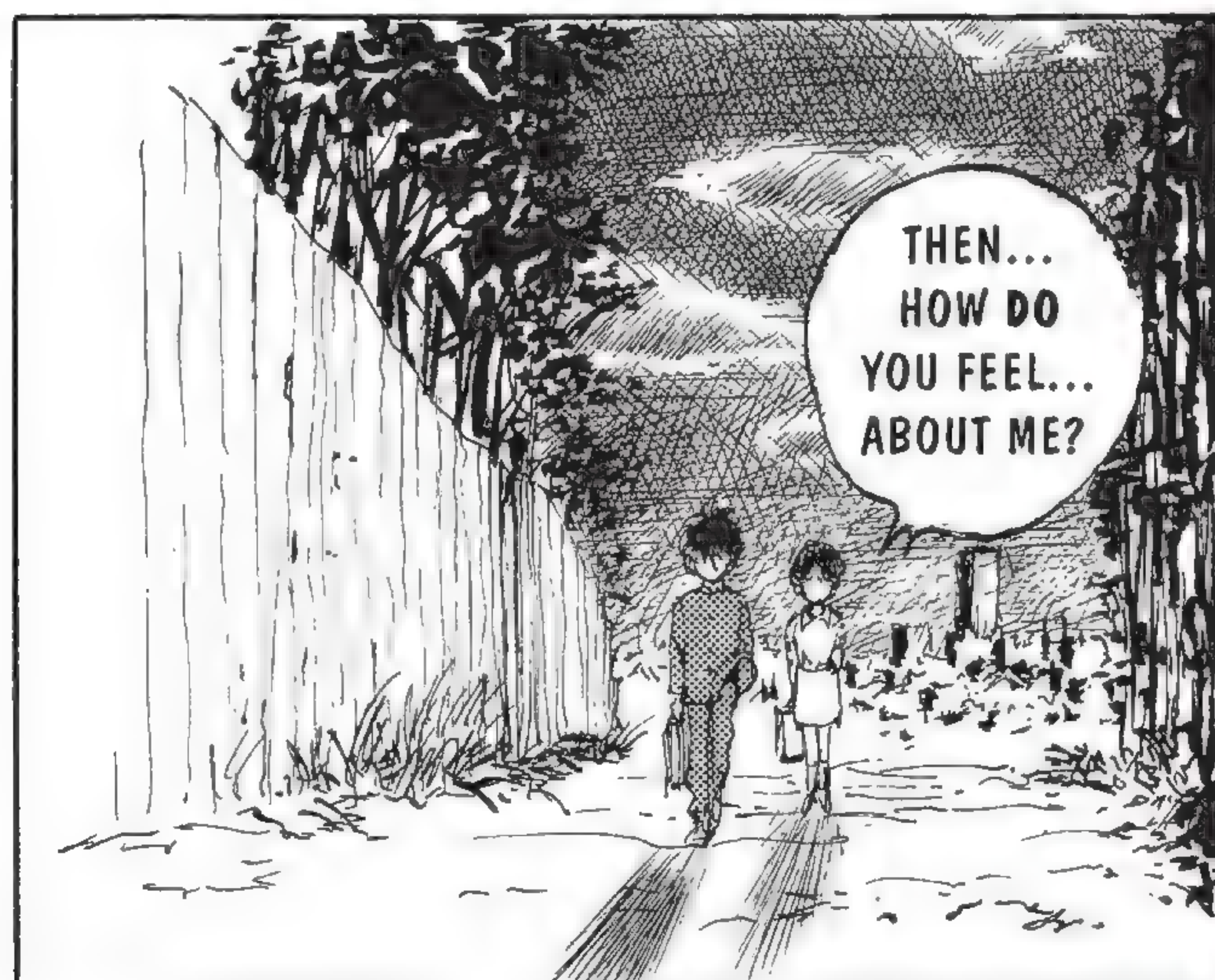
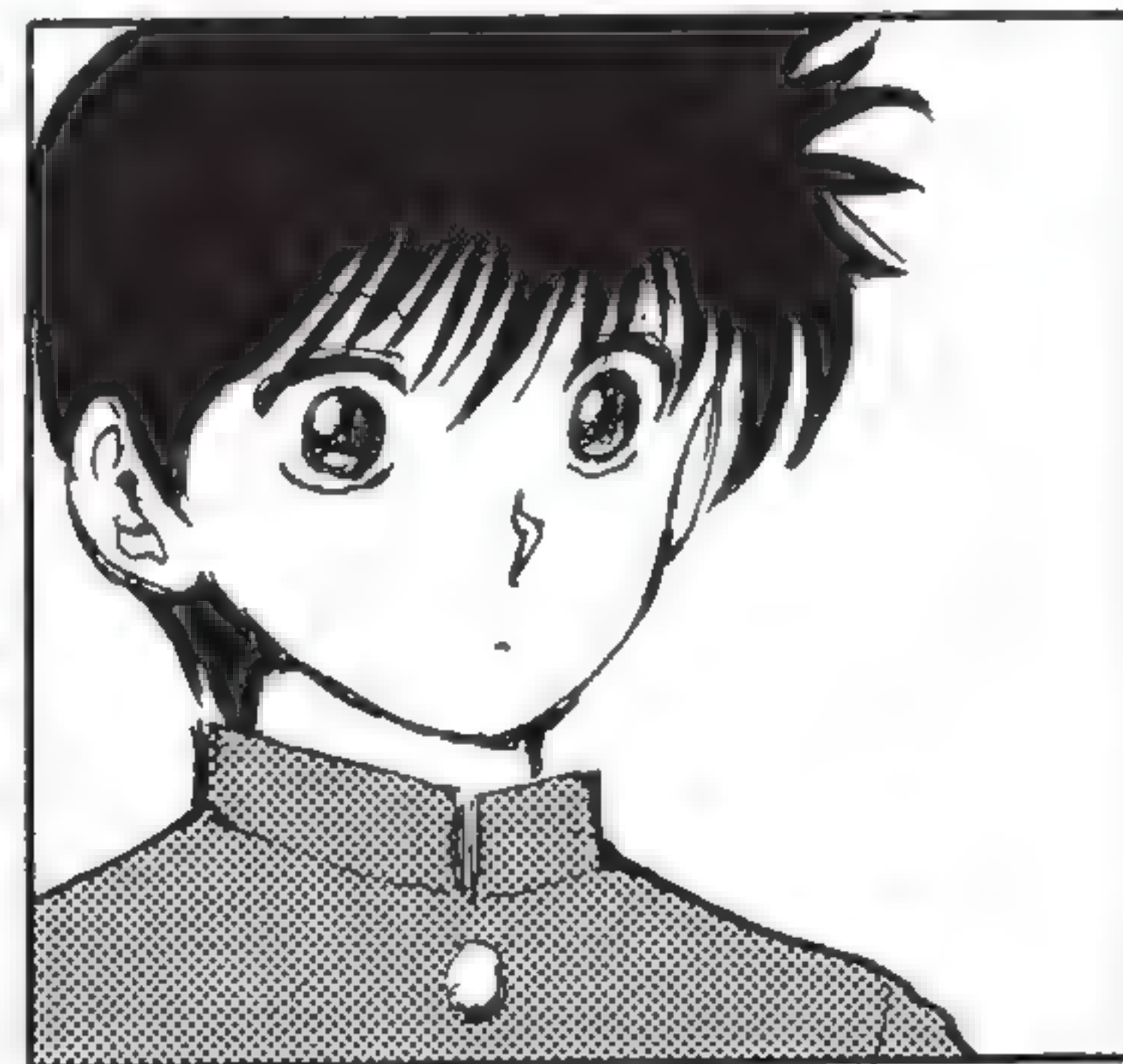
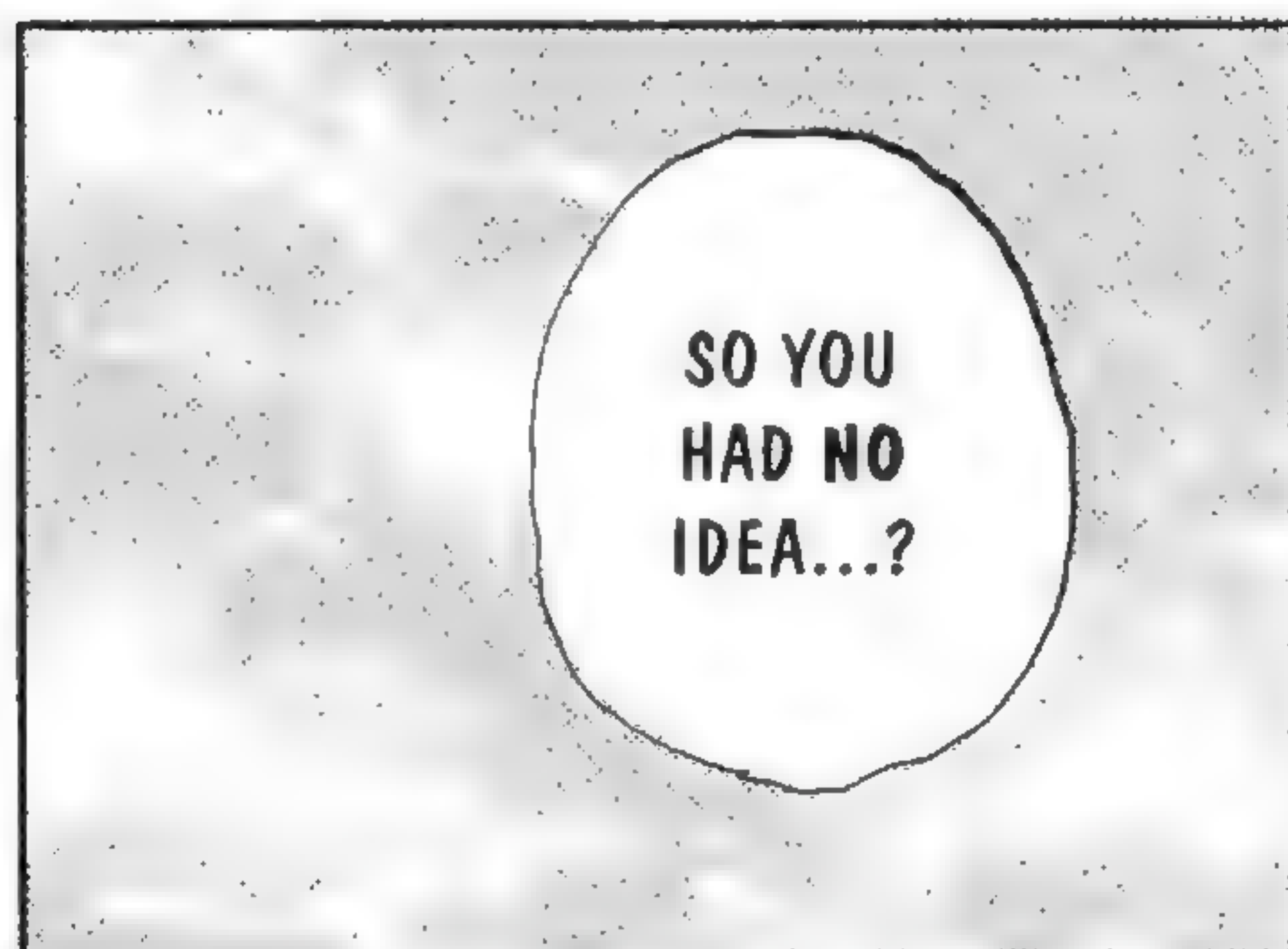
SHE SAW
IT?!
THAT'S NOT
GOOD!

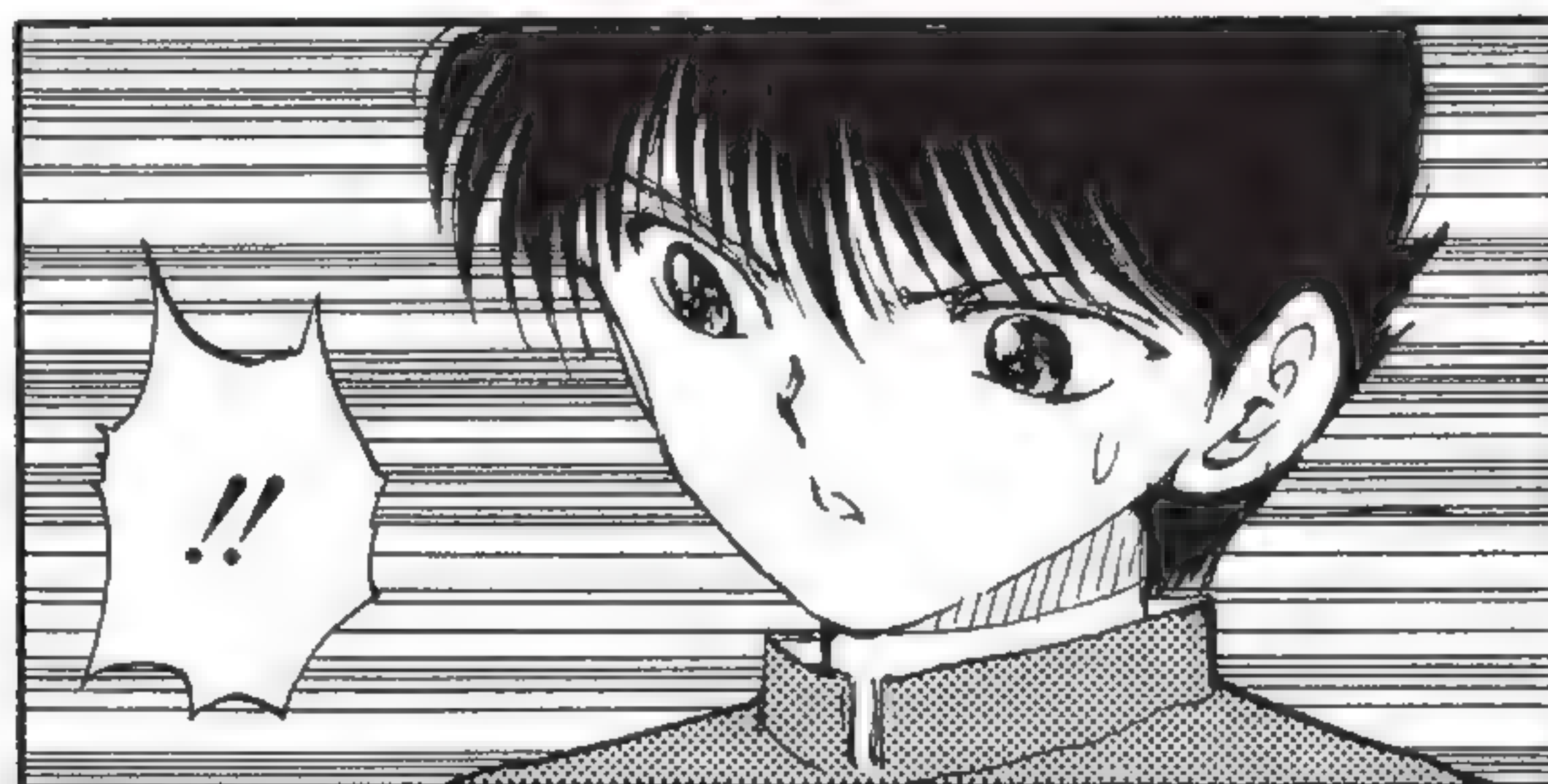
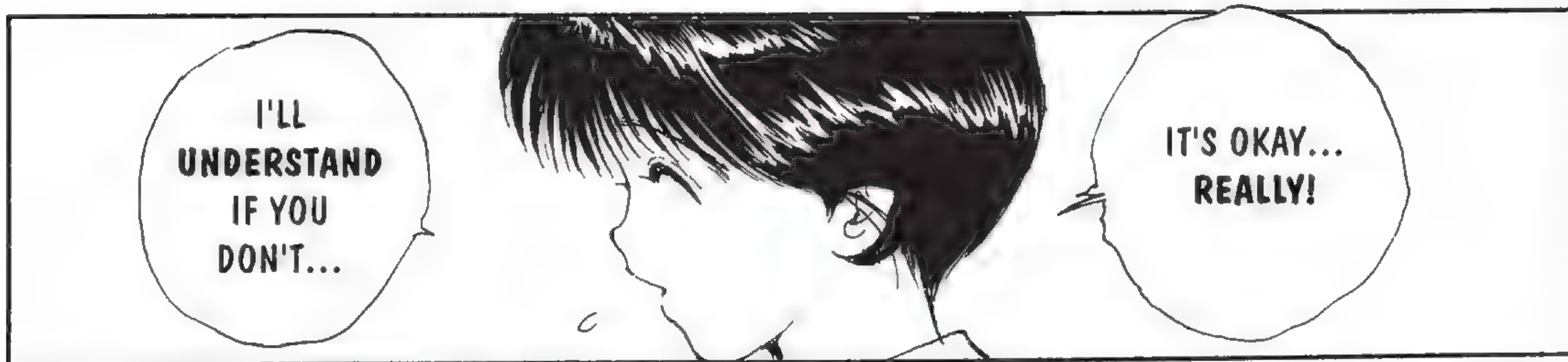
I'M SURE
YOU'RE
MISTAKEN,
MAYA.

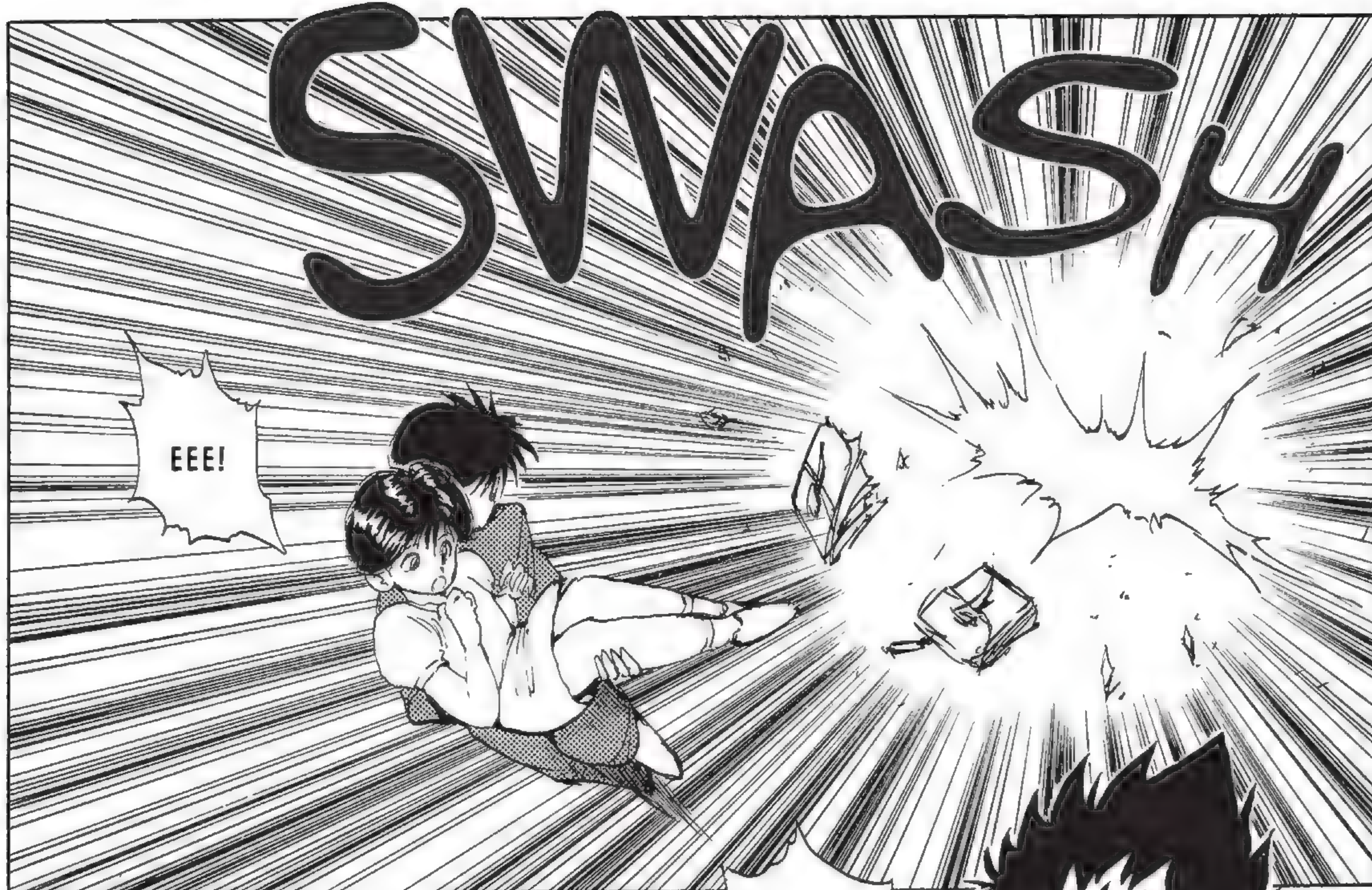


ARE THINGS
LIKE THAT
ALWAYS SO
REPULSIVE?

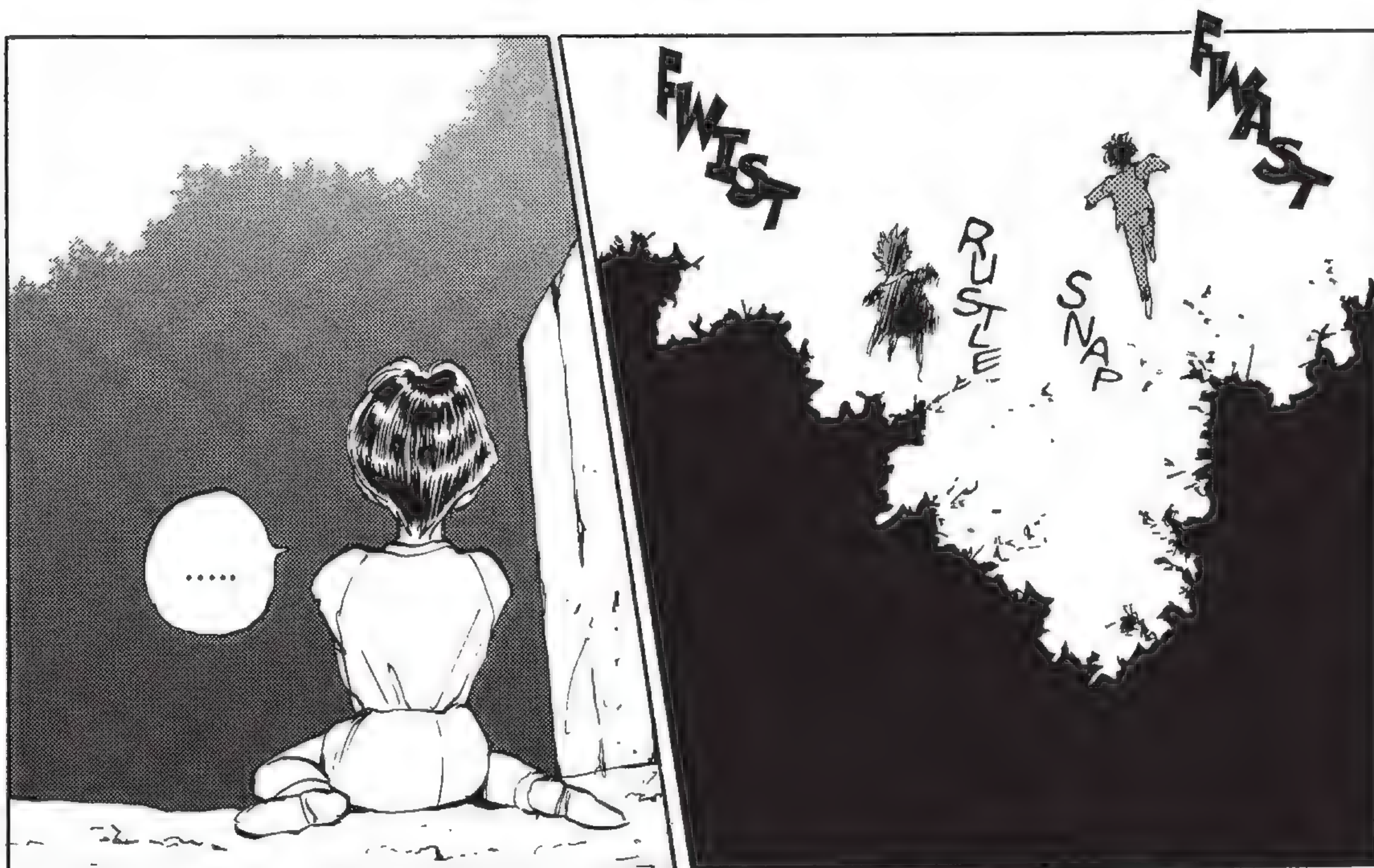
IT
WAS SO...
GROSS...
AND SMELLY!





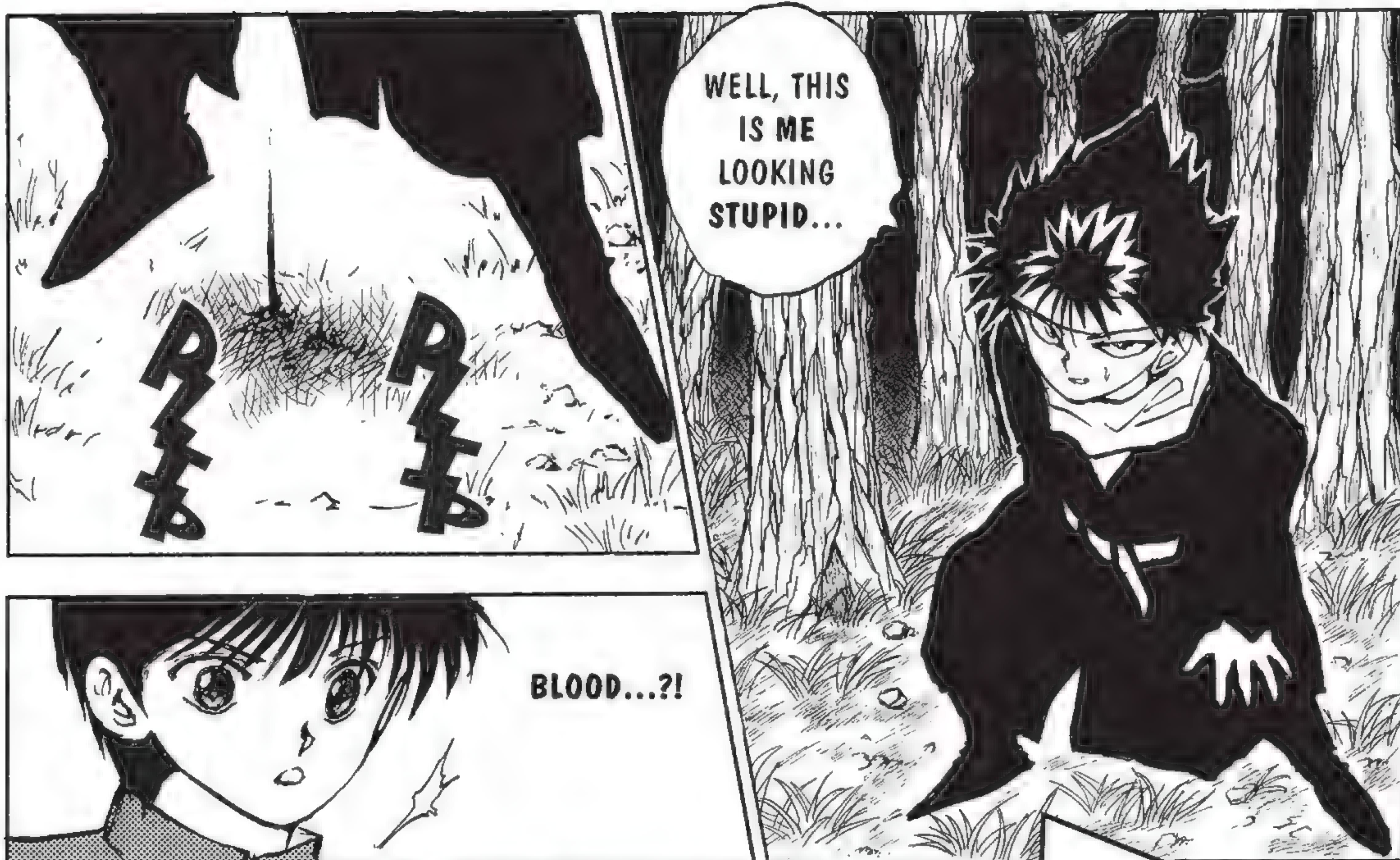


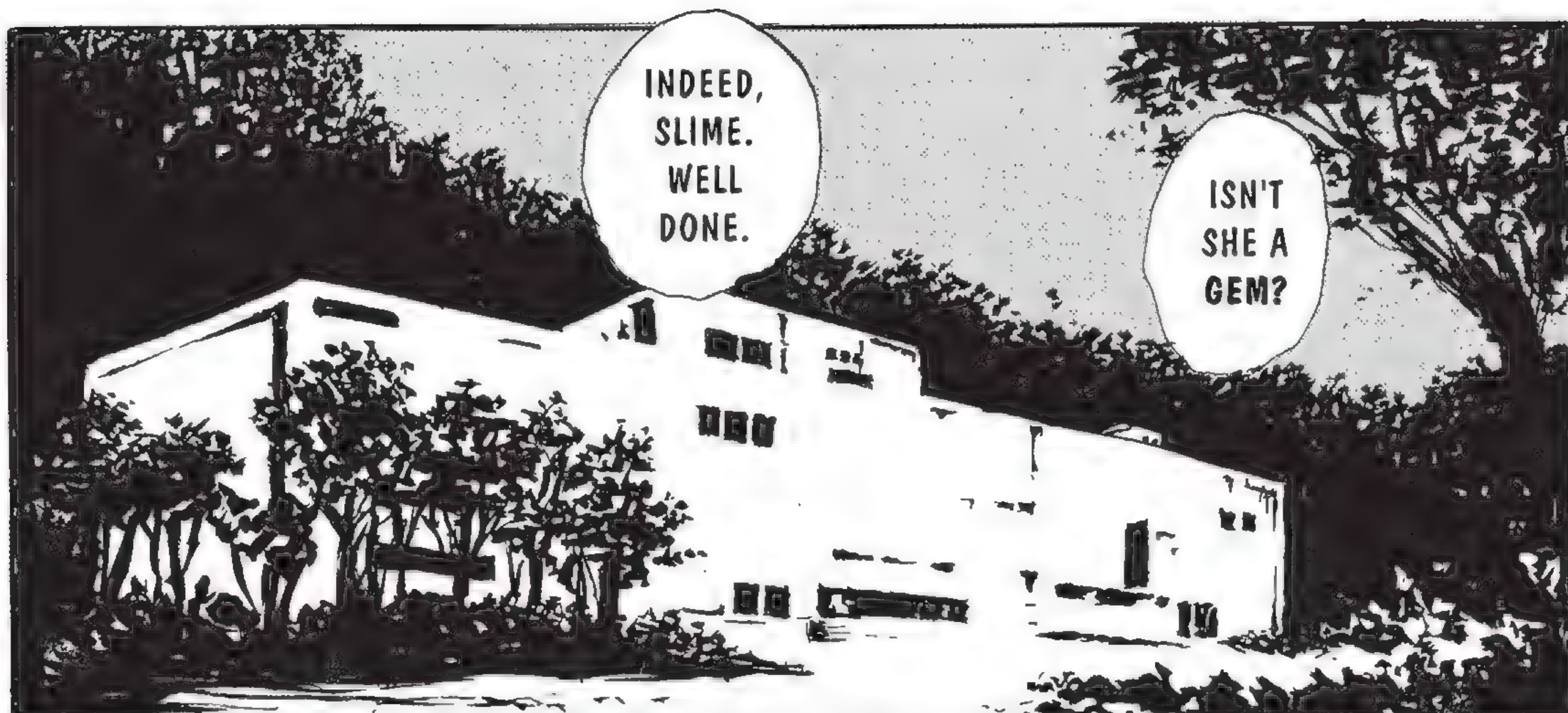




CLANG







INDEED,
SLIME.
WELL
DONE.

ISN'T
SHE A
GEM?



MY POWER
WILL DOUBLE
IF I DEVOUR
HER AT THE
PEAK OF
RIPENESS!

HER
SPIRITUAL
RICHNESS IS
DEEPENING
AS WE
SPEAK.

SHE WILL
MAKE A FINE
REPAST.



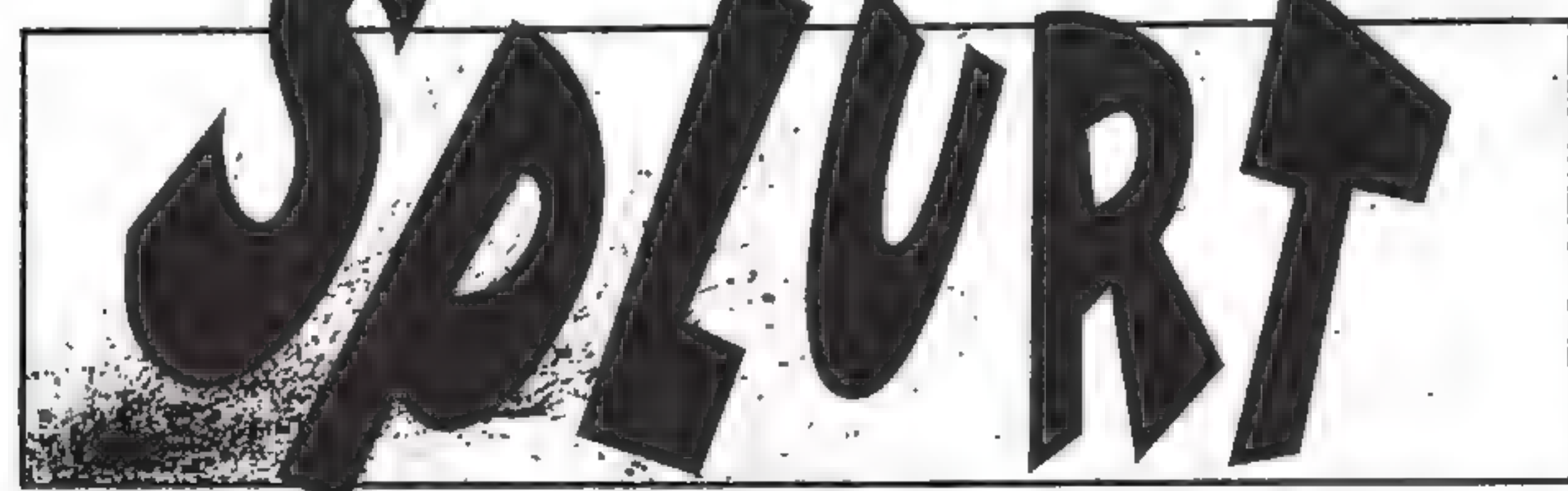
...I WILL
MAKE YOU
PART OF
ME.

AS YOUR
REWARD,
SLIME...



WAIT, I...

WH-WHAT?



SPLURT



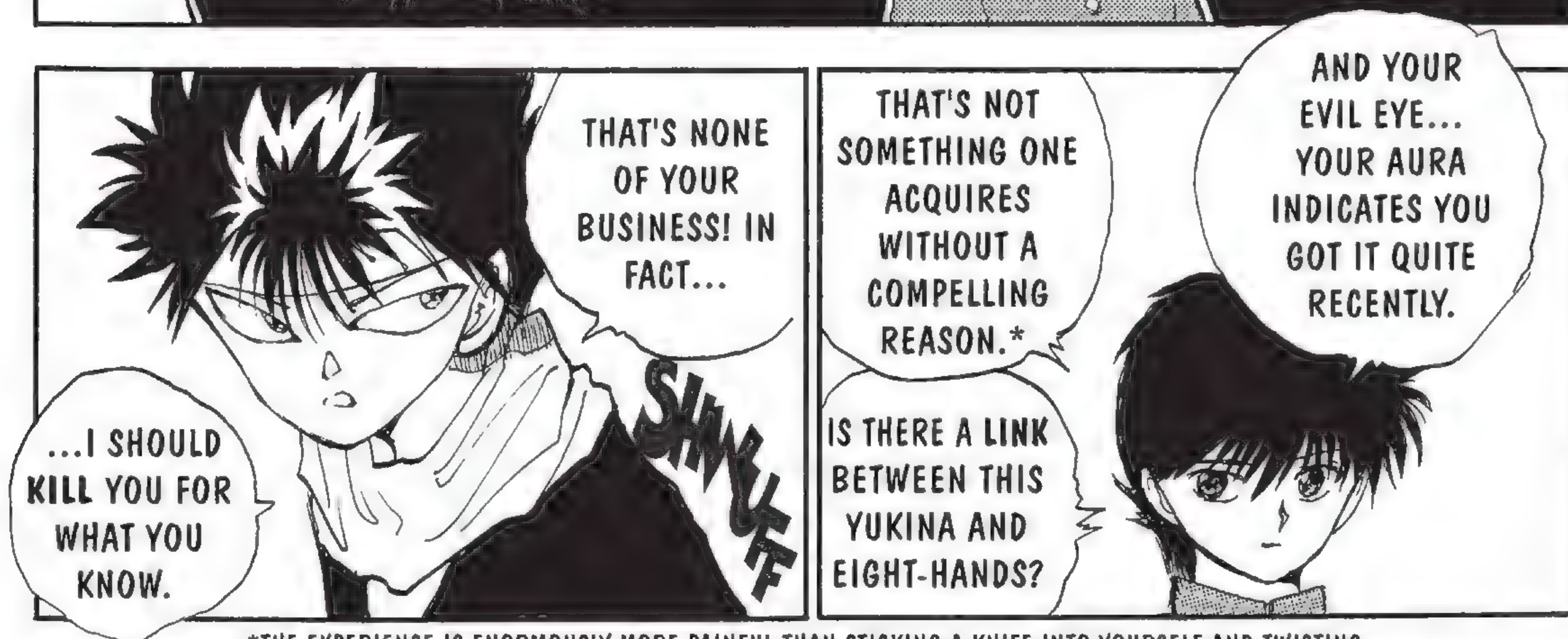
BUT I'M
HUNGRY
NOW.

Gulp

...BUT HARDLY
A DELICACY.
FEMALES, HUMAN
OR DEMON, MAKE
THE FINEST
FARE.

FILLING...





*THE EXPERIENCE IS ENORMOUSLY MORE PAINFUL THAN STICKING A KNIFE INTO YOURSELF AND TWISTING.

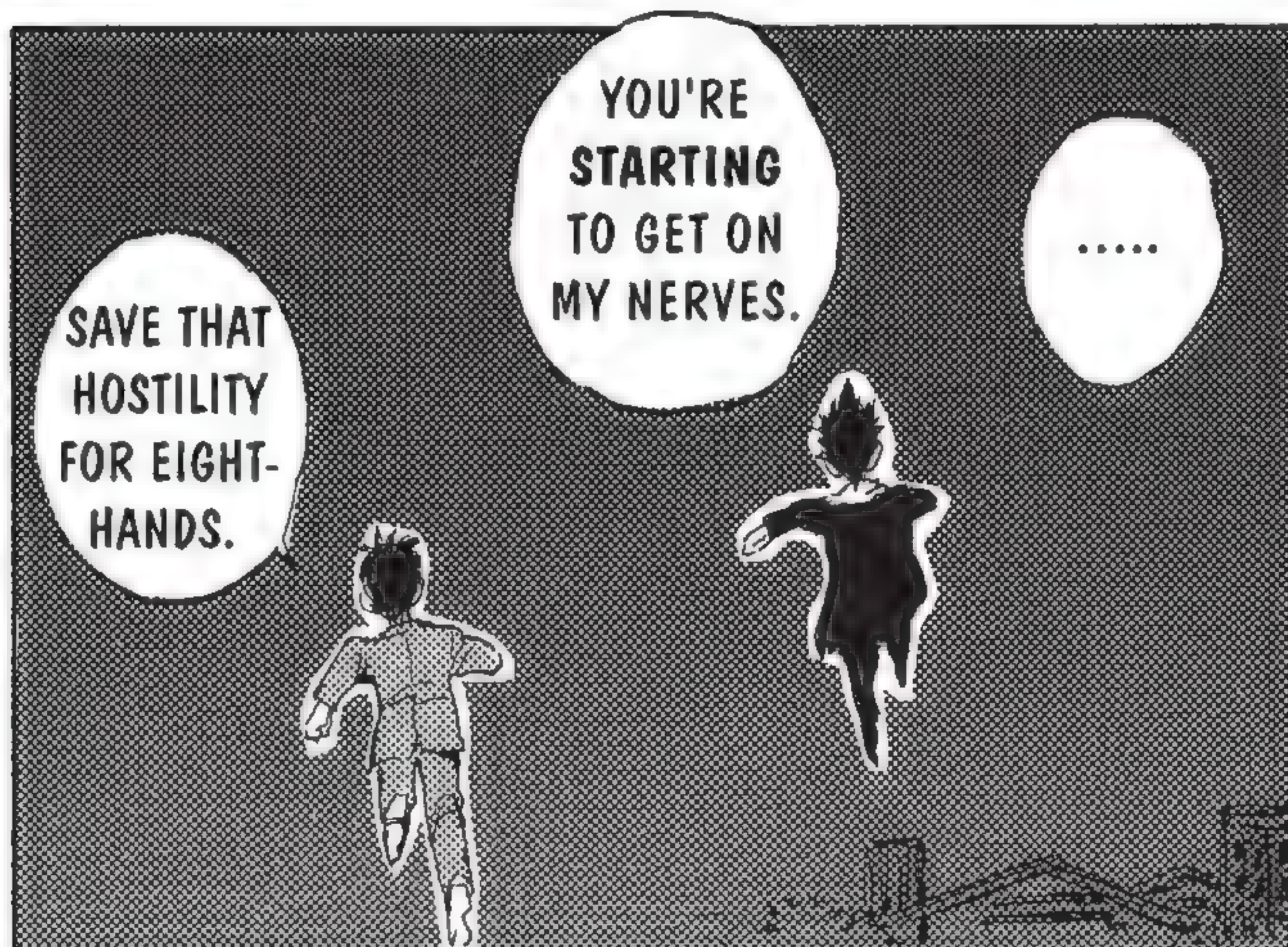
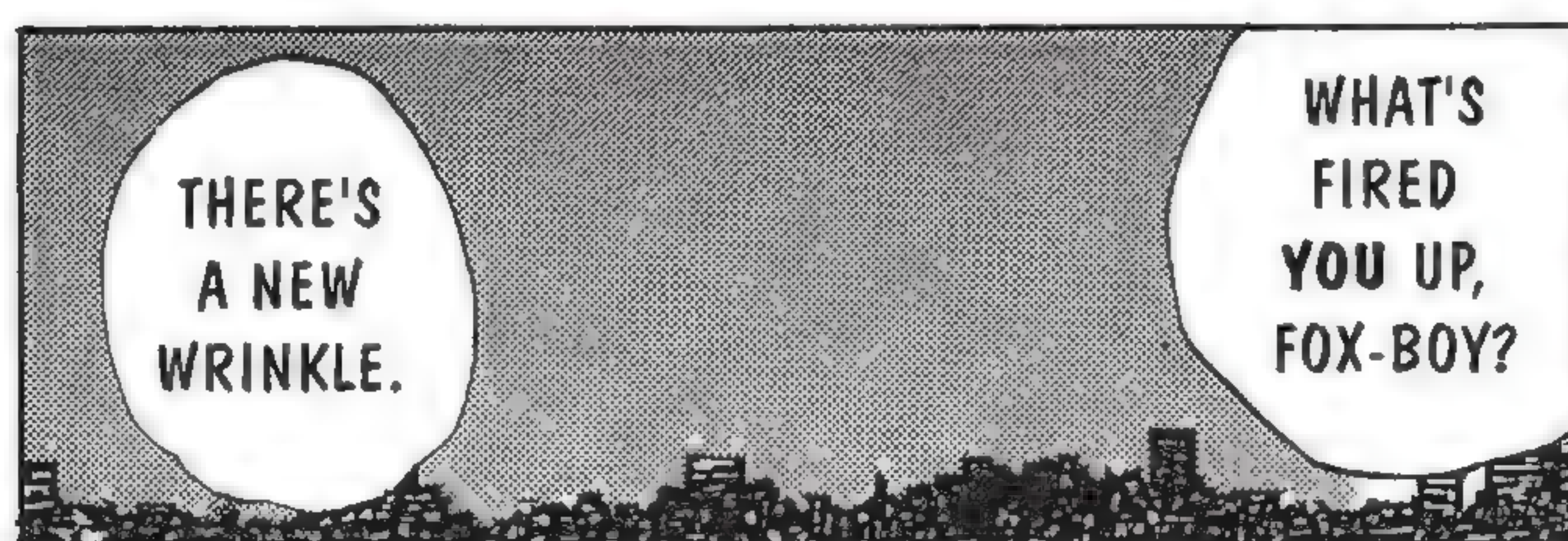


HEY! NO SHOES IN THE HOUSE!

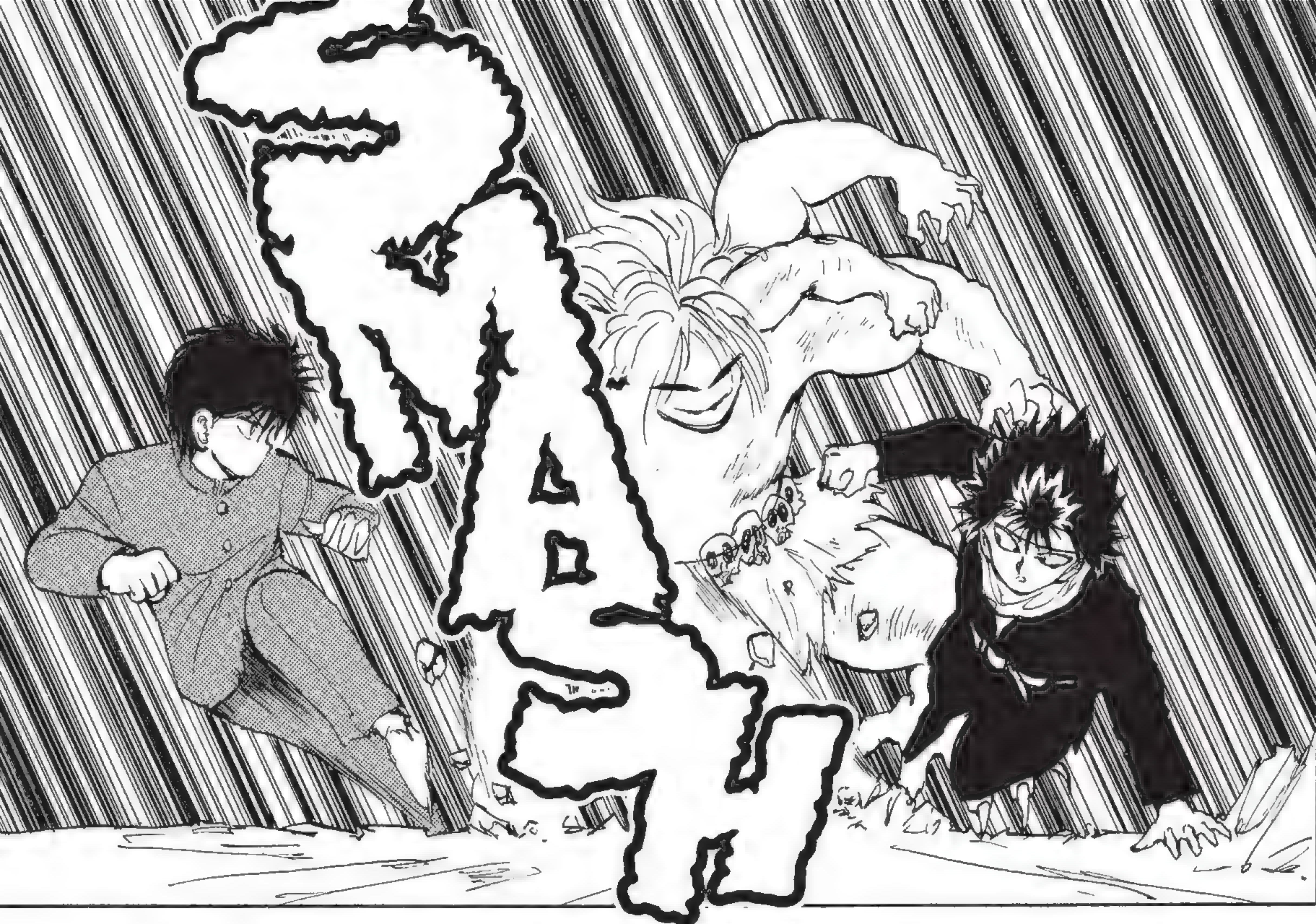




THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO — IT'S HAPPENED...







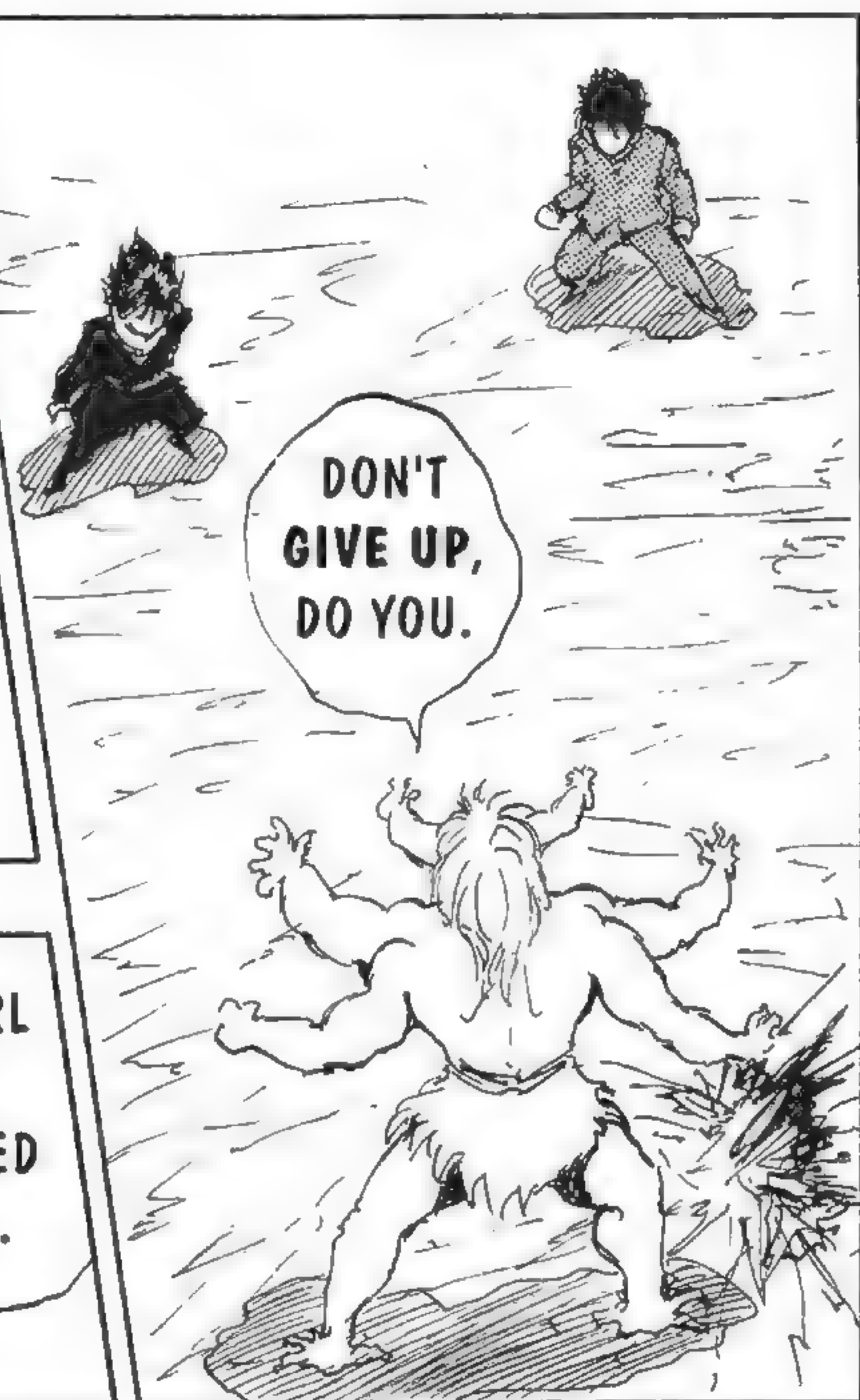
HEH HEH
HEH.

WE
WEREN'T
PROPERLY
INTRO-
DUCED...

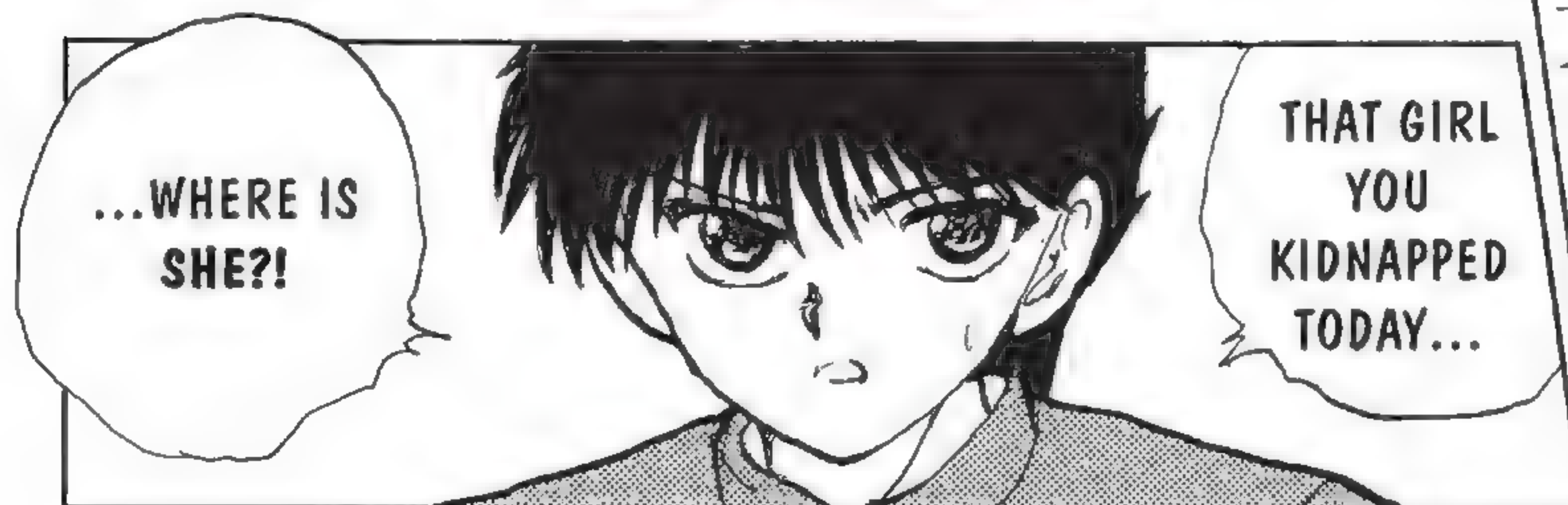


THE ICE
MAIDEN
YOU ATE—
WHO WAS
SHE?

NEVER
HAVE.



DON'T
GIVE UP,
DO YOU.



...WHERE IS
SHE?!

THAT GIRL
YOU
KIDNAPPED
TODAY...

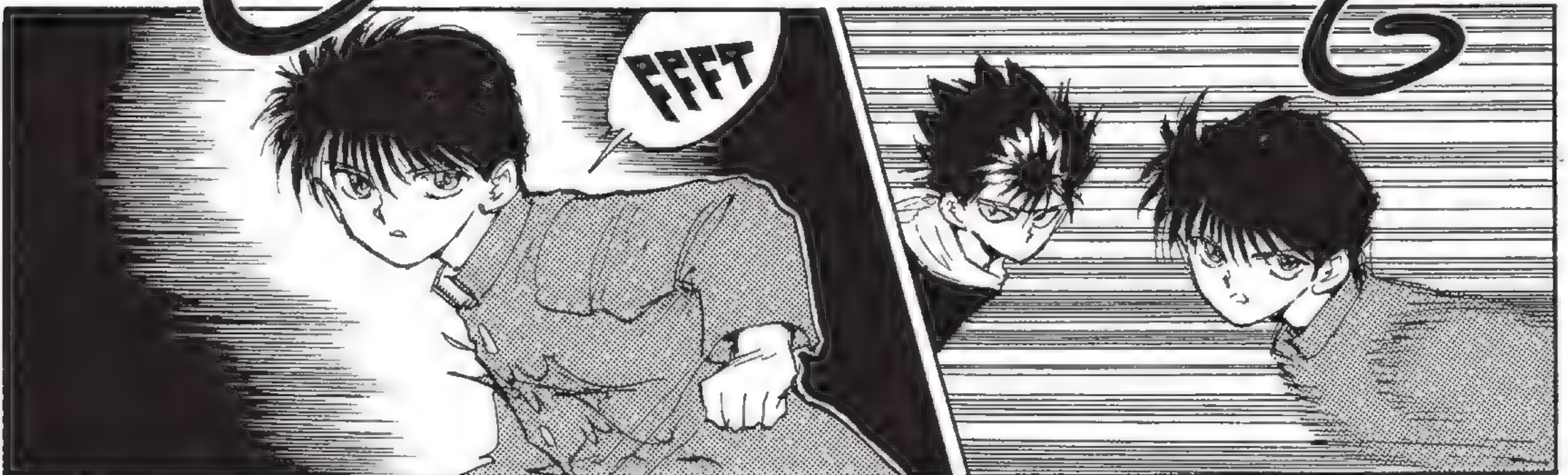
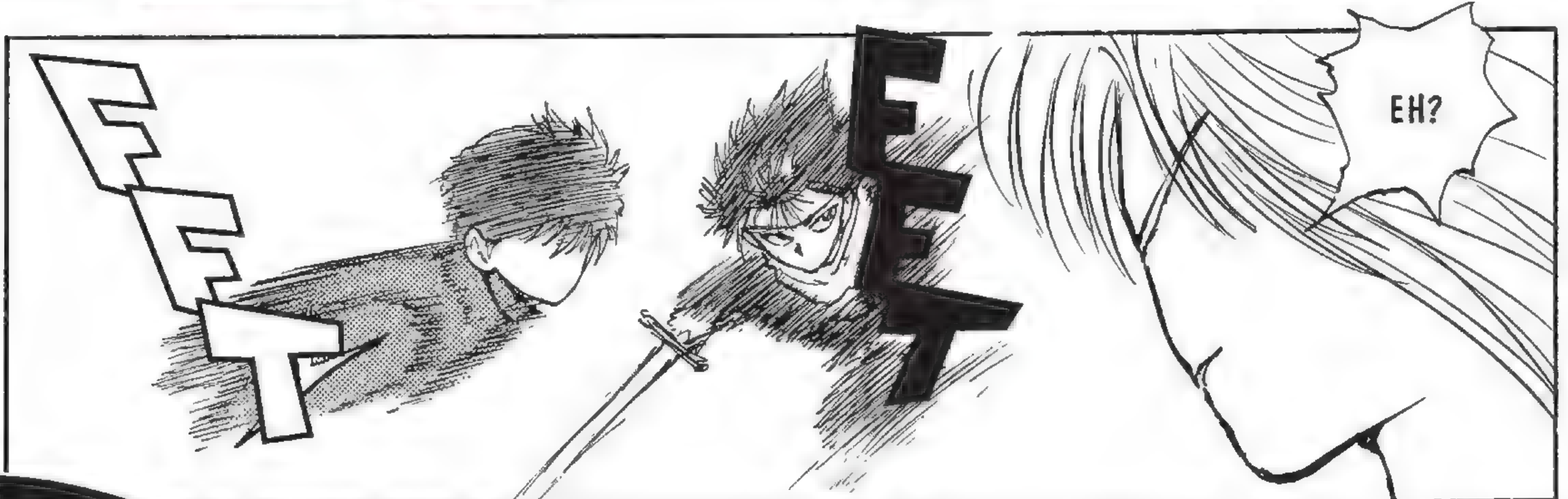
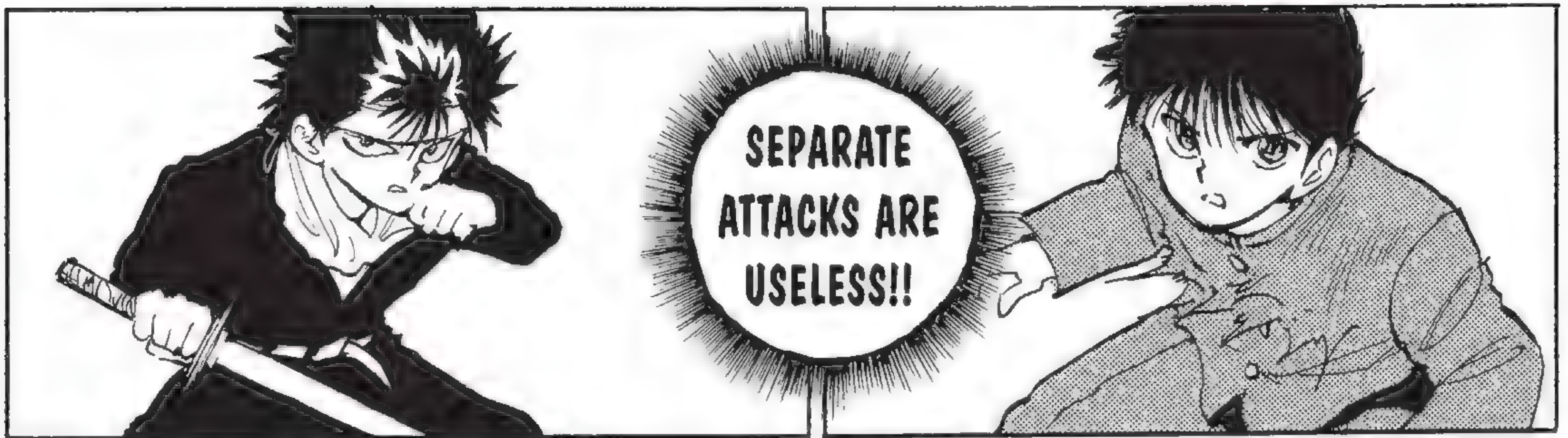


OKAY, I'LL
GIVE YOU A
HINT.

YOU ONE OF
HER LITTLE
FRIENDS?

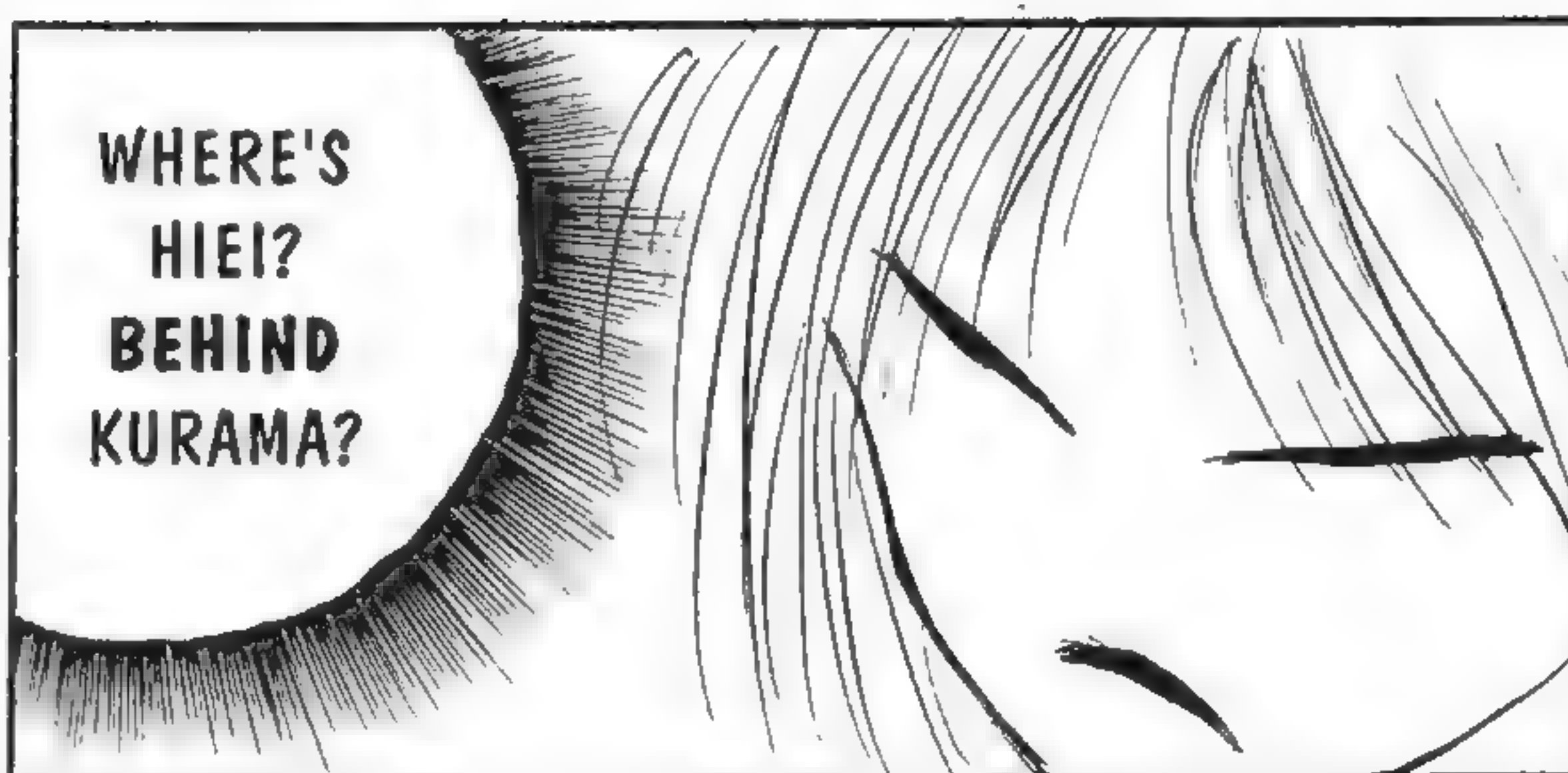








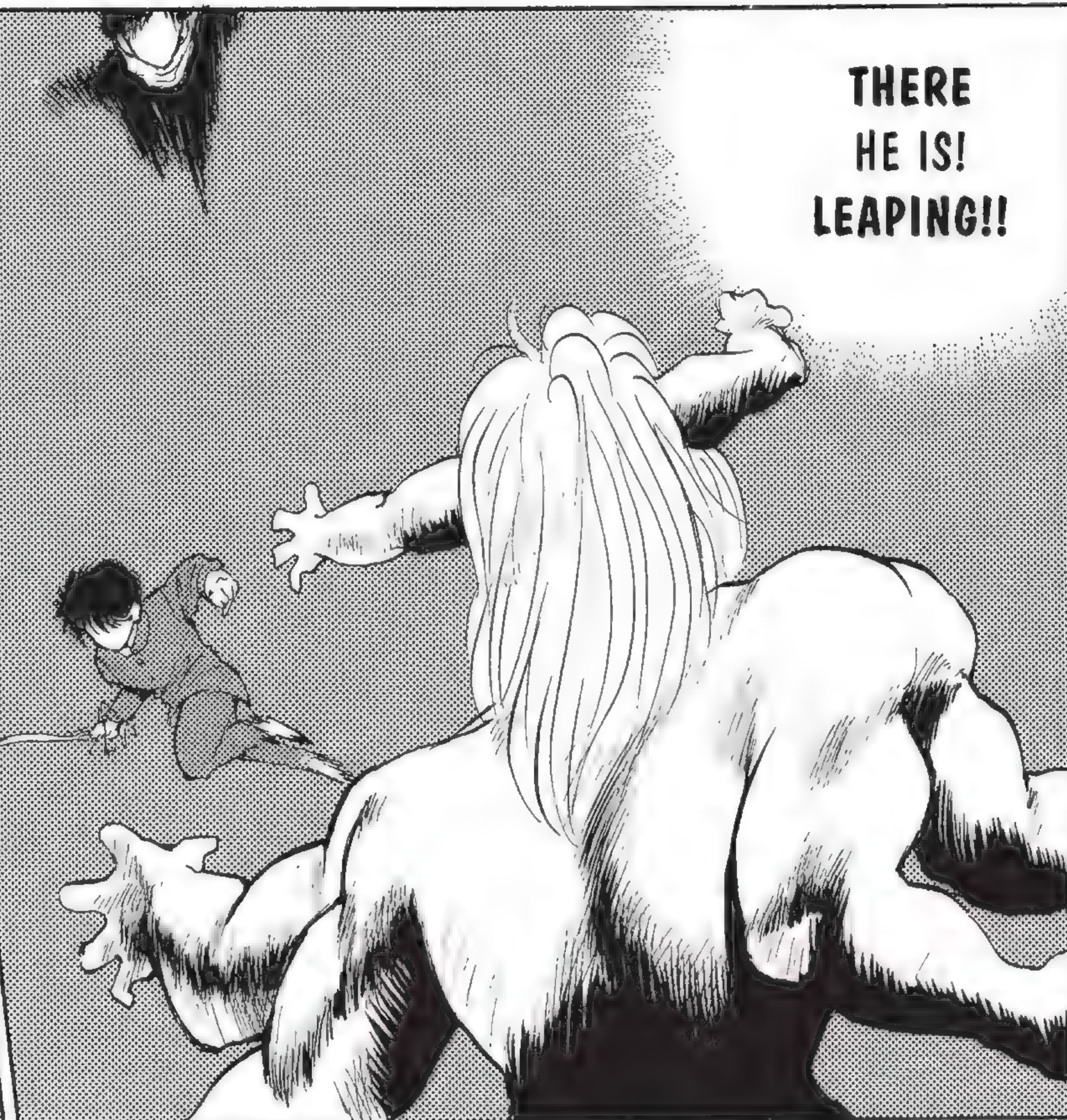
HO!
THAT OLD
PLOY!



WHERE'S
HIEI?
BEHIND
KURAMA?



HAH!!



THERE
HE IS!
LEAPING!!



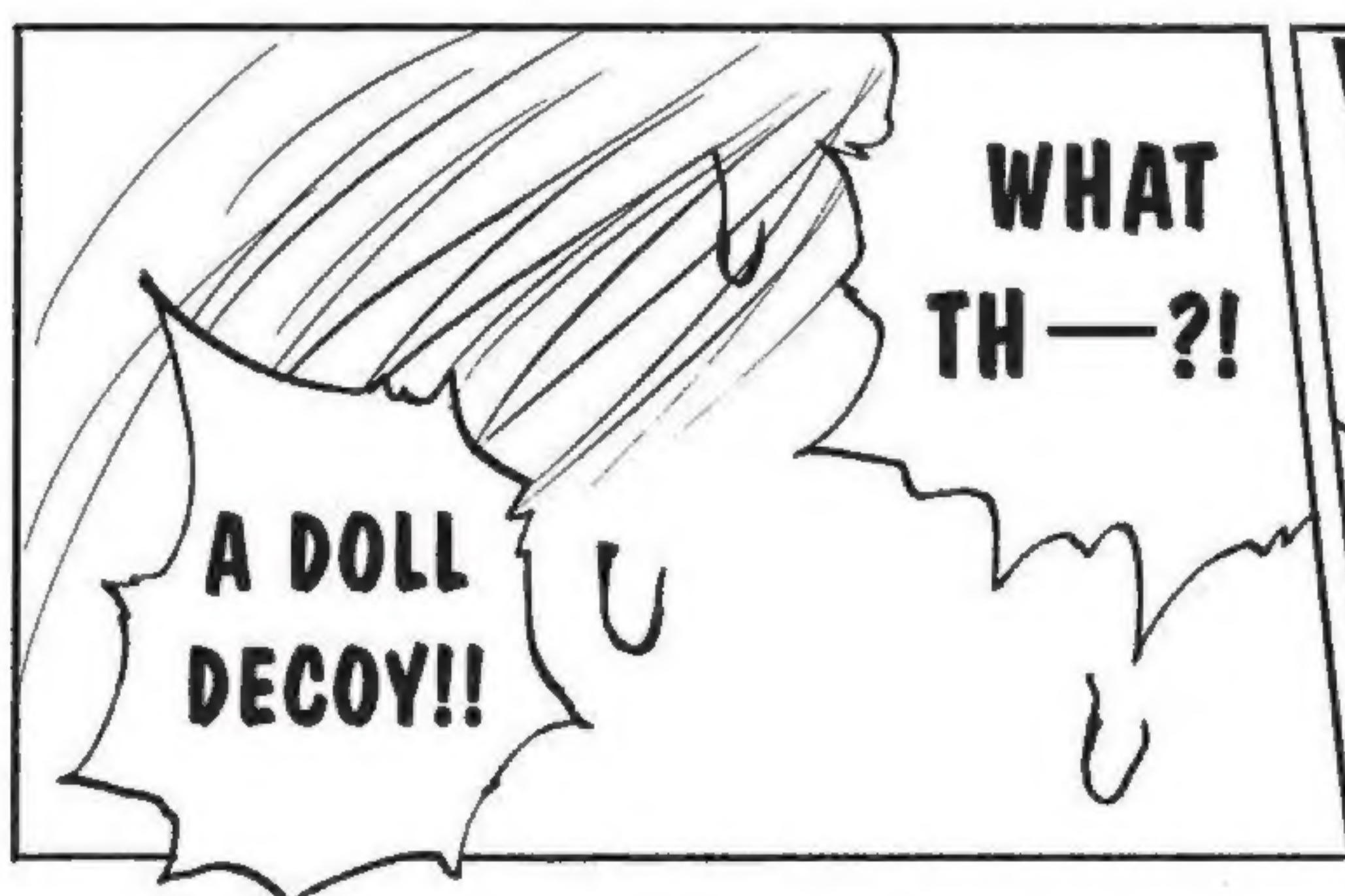
NO
CHALLENGE
AT ALL...



HEH HEH...
SO EASY TO
PARRY!!



... 'CAUSE I
SAW IT
COMIN'!!

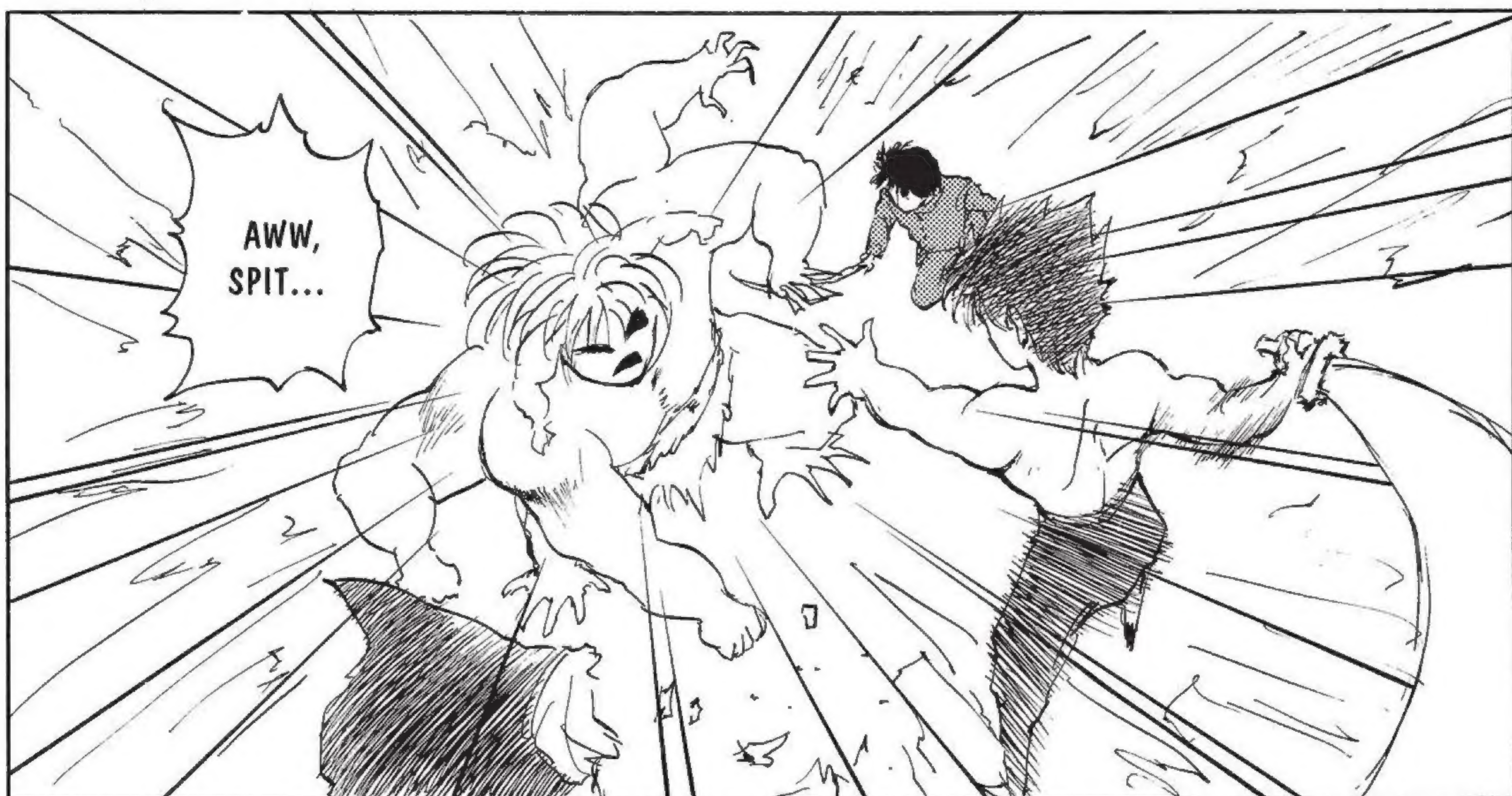


WHAT
TH—?!

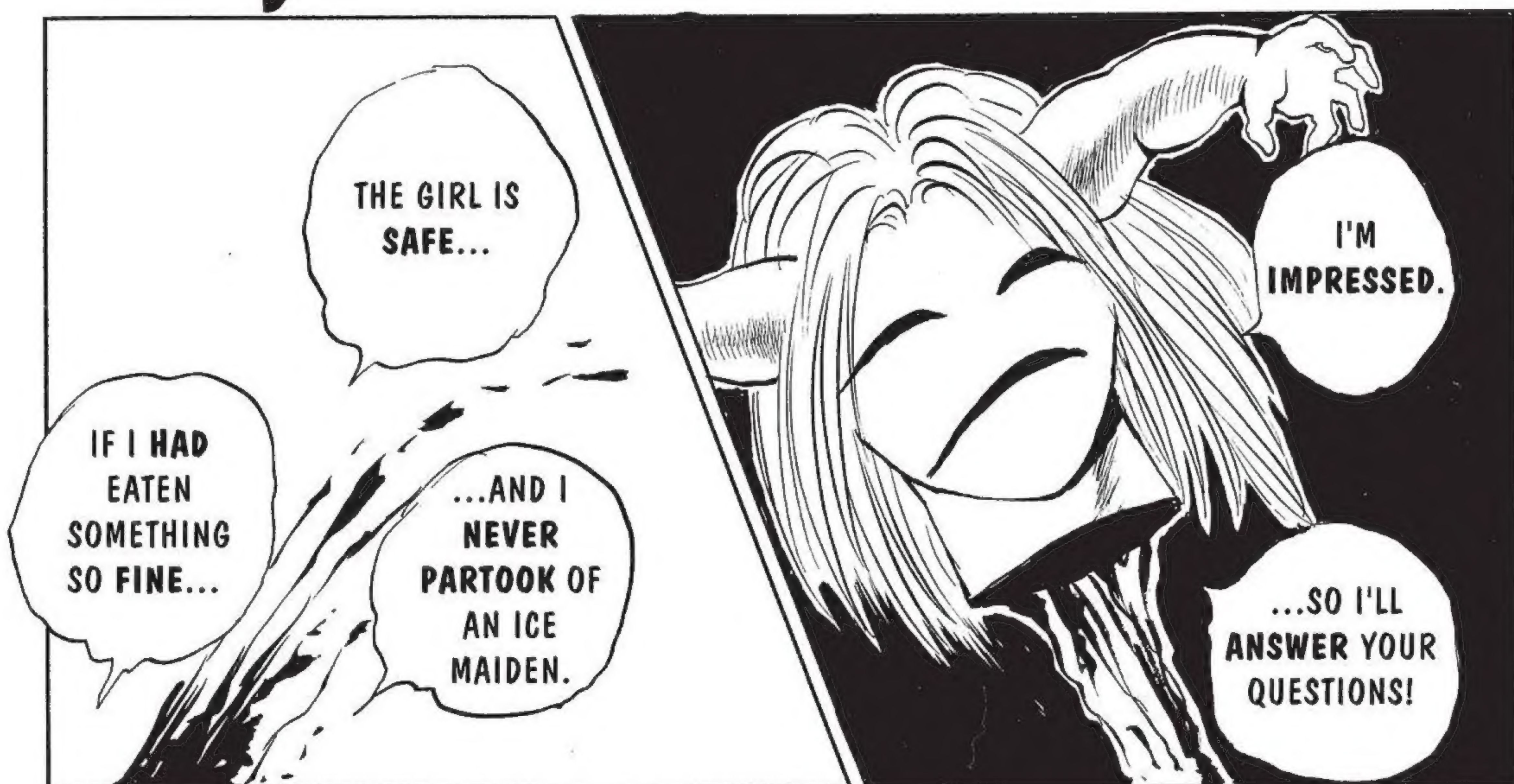
A DOLL
DECOY!!

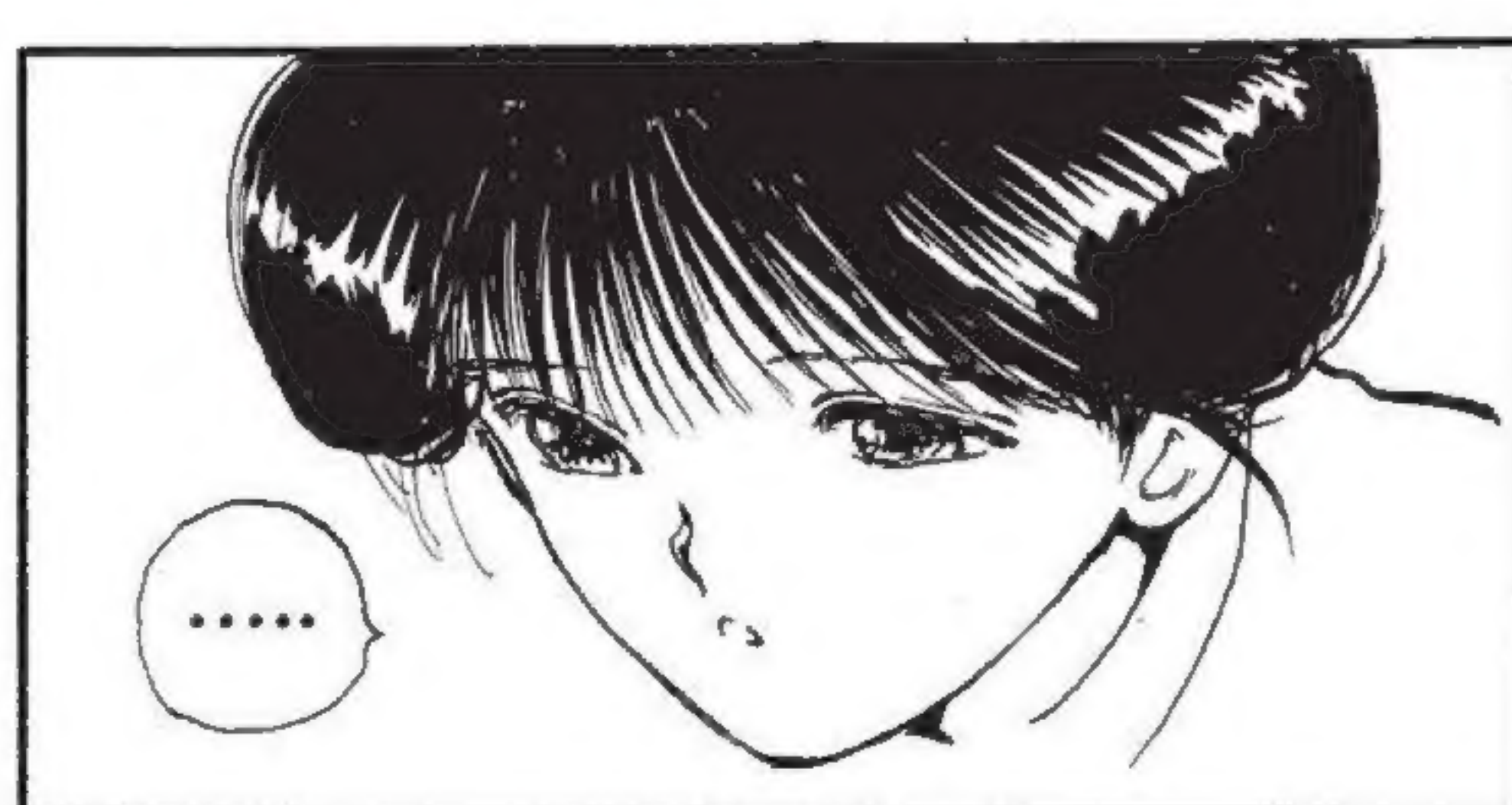
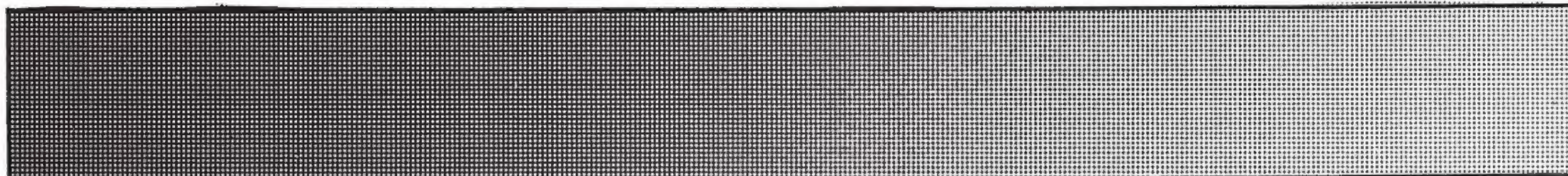
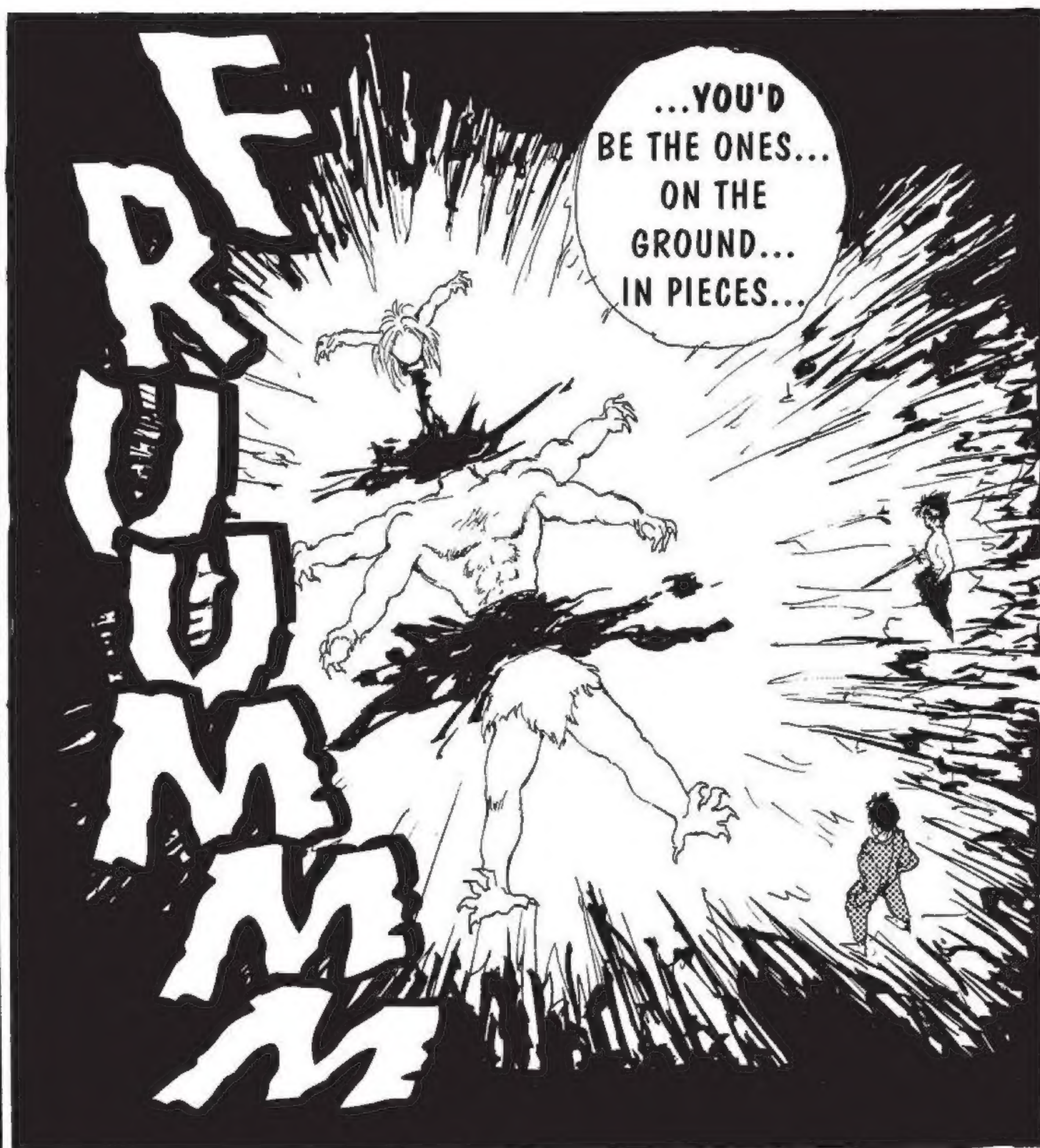


BOOM



AWW,
SPIT...







AND SO, A BUDDING ROMANCE BETWEEN MAYA AND KURAMA WAS CUT SHORT, WITH MAYA NONE THE WISER. HIEI CONTINUED HIS SEARCH FOR YUKINA. A YEAR LATER, KURAMA AND HIEI JOINED FORCES WITH GOKI, WHICH LED TO THEIR FATEFUL CLASH WITH YUSUKE URAMESHI.